

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, October 15, 1855.

Dear Sir,

As Dr. Sturgis, the Treasurer of the Mint
will be temporarily absent for a week or two, from the City,
I have with his consent, appointed you to act in his place
during his absence. This appointment is made pursuant
to the 4th section of the general Mint law.

Very respectfully,

Samuel R. Anderson.

Director U.S. Mint

Robert Patterson Esq.,
Treasurer U.S.
U.S. Mint

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R. C. Perkins Esq. Chairman of Anti-Slavery A. S. S. C.
 New York Nov 20, 1850.

I don't know why the letter for the materials should not have been sent. The amount of material for the book is not less than \$100.00. I have not yet received the money for the book. I have not yet received the money for the book.

The medals are completed and sent as
direct to your address, by Express, as soon as I
have given you.

Long Hill, N. Y.
Oct. 10, 1888
My dear Mr. Brewster

Treasury Department
First Auditors office
Oct 2nd 1855

Mon Paul Sturgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have received from you
of Gold & Silver Bullion for the Quarter ending 30th
September last.

Very Respectfully
your Obedt. Servt.
J. L. Smith

Auditor

ORDER No. 23

MINISTRY OF THE UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, Oct. 23 1855

Mr. J. T. Linnane

You will please fill the following order for the Department of the undersigned.
A detailed bill, numbered as above, must accompany goods upon delivery.

Two Gross Seren

H. S. O'Brien for Treasurer.

This Order is to be presented when your account with this Department is sent in for settlement.

October 28

6.

Dear Sir:

I am much gratified by your attention in sending me a specimen of the paper currency of the Turkish Empire, together with the accompanying translation and prices current. Such communications are valuable to us; and ones similar ones occasionally sent by our provincial embassies, has enabled us better informed of the state of foreign currencies, and on this matter more promptly and understandingly to reply to official and other inquiries. A continuation of such favors from yourself will be thankfully acknowledged.

I cannot help being to ask whether the statistics of the currency in the Turkish Empire are made public? whether the Sultan has any other mint than the one at the Capital; and whether the currency of Cairo (for Egypt,) is under Turkish supervision or conformable to Turkish rules?

Also, whether the Currency of Turkey at this time
is chiefly metallic, or chiefly in paper, or a mix-
ture of the two. And again, - if you have had
access to the Mint, I should like to have some
idea of its processes and machinery; and
particularly whether the coining is conducted
in a scientific manner.

I fear I cannot do much on your sub-
ject, but I am quite desirous of securing
information on the points above mentioned.

I send for your acceptance, duplicate
copies of the Mint Laws of the U.S. States, and
my reports on the Currency of the U.S. States for
the years 1853 and 1854. I send duplicate
in order that you may present one copy
of each to each Office of the Turkish
Mint in proportion as you may think
proper.

John P. Brown Esq.
Minister to the
American Legation at
Constantinople

I am, with great respect,
your obedient,
James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mints

Treasury Department

First Auditors Office

October 24th 1855

Sir

In the Pay Roll of female operations
for September 1855. S. M. Wall receipts for amounts
due to Mary A. Almond, M. A. Clagood, R. L. Whitman
and R. C. White and no authority filed, which you
will please supply.

Very Respectfully

Yours truly

J. L. Smith

Wm. A. H. Hargrave

Treasurer of the First

Philadelphia

Account

93. In pay Roll of Miller 1855 Sept. 1855 the amount
received for W. H. Sumner - and in Directors Roll for Sept
A. H. Sumner receipts for A. H. Sumner without apparent
authority

Danville Dec 29. 1876.

Isaac Roach Esq.
Deas:

Dear Sir

We have received
your favor of the 26th inst. and have
made a bill (annexed) in conformity
with your wishes - in which please
admit us a hope as before.

We have also received your
favor of the 24th inst. with check
for amount of bill - say \$739.20.

Remain.

Yours

Very

Geo. A. Bro. & Co.

Treasury Department
Register's Office 29 October 1855

Sir,

I beg leave to call your attention to the circular
from this ^{office} of the 10th ultimo, relative to the estimates of appropriations
necessary for the mint and branches for the fiscal year ending
June 30 1857. The general estimates have been prepared
as far as that part where the mint establishment is included

I am, respectfully,
Yours Obedt. Servt.
J. R. Snodden
Register

James R. Snodden Esquire
Director of the Mint

159.75
262.65
2651.00
2654.25
4147.65

Bank of Binghamton,

Binghamton, Oct. 29 1855.

Mr. R. P. Thorne Esq.
Saville St. New York.

Dear Sir:

~~London~~ The enclosed by Express of 10th Sept. 1855 &
the proceeds of which, send me by Express as follows
Dimes — \$100 balance in hand &c.

Yours Respectfully
R. P. Thorne
(E)

177
442

To Master Cairnie & Co. 78.

Recd Payment

W. Williams.

Treasurer Mint. Philadelphia

Oct. 26 1855

Transferdft. No 2221 from Dep^y Chicago for \$10.000-

12, Store St. London
25. Octbr. 1855.

Sir

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. ordering two assay-balan-
ces and four sets of assay weights. The modifications mentioned
will be strictly attended to

I have no doubt it would be a great advantage
if the beam and pans were made of aluminium;
at present this metal is only to be obtained in Paris,
as I shall be going there shortly I will endeavour to
obtain a piece for the purpose. Not knowing the
exact price of aluminium I cannot now send you
a correct statement of the cost: but will do so as
early as possible. The balances will be completed
in 4 or 5 weeks; the weights however I will forward in a
fortnight by Express agency.

allow me to take this opportunity to mention
to you that at present I am engaged in making a
coin weighing machine for the Royal Mint here in
London, for the purpose of weighing sovereigns, half-sovereigns
and other coins. If you should be likely to require
at any time similar apparatus I shall be happy
to give you further particulars.

I remain

Sir,
Yours respectfully,
Ludwig Berthling

J. A. Chandler Esq
Director W. I. Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office.

October 19th 1855.

Hon. J. Ross Snowden, Director of the
United States Mint, Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir,

This Office having frequent occasion to consult authorities touching the valuation of the coins and precious metals of this and other countries, I have thought proper to inquire of you, the latest and best approved treatise upon that subject.

The "Manual of Gold and Silver coins of all Nations" by Messrs Eckfeldt and Du Bois, published in 1842, as well as the "Universal Cambist and Commercial Instructor" by Dr Kelly, published in 1821 have been recommended, as containing the fullest and most accurate treatise on the subjects of Exchange, Money, &c.

Please give me the benefit of your reference and

opinion upon the subject.

Most Sincerely
Yours

Elizabeth M. Stanley

Comptroller

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/NOVEMBER

Bank of Binghamton,

Binghamton, Nov. 28. 1855.

Ja^s R. Chubb Esq.
U.S. Mail. *London*

Dear Sir:

London

We send you by express package
of Gold and, for coming return

Yrs. Truly
J. R. Chubb

Western Bank of Philadelphia.

Nov 27. 1853

C^t McShorden

Dear Sir

Mess^{rs} Tilden & Company Bankers,
in Paris apply to me for information
asked for in the query I transmit to
you herewith. Hoping that you
can answer them more fully & satisfactorily
than any one else. I have taken the liberty
of troubling you with the request that
you will at your earliest convenience
communicate to me as far as you can
the information asked for & I will
transmit it to Mess^{rs} Tilden & Co who
as well as myself will be indebted to
you for yr attention.

Very truly Yrs

Wm Jackson

December 8.

Dear Sir,

I have appended to the 1st & 2d queries contained in your favor of yesterday the information desired in the same. As a convenient mode of answering the 3d query I send herewith a pamphlet containing the acts of Congress relating to the tariff of foreign coins in the U. States, and a copy of my last report on the premises and value of certain foreign gold and silver coins in which the information desired by Messrs Green & Co is fully presented.

Very respectfully & Truly,

John Patterson.

Recorder of the Court.

John Patterson Esq.
West Chester Bank of Phila. }

Mint of the United States

Philad: 27 Nov. 1855

Sir,

The second section of the Mint Act of Jan. 18, 1837 provides, that the Treasurer shall receive and safely keep, all moneys which shall be for the use and support of the Mint, shall keep all the current accounts of the Mint, and pay all moneys due by the Mint on warrants of the Director.

Conformably to the apparent meaning of this section, I was until lately of the opinion that the warrant of the Director was an official act which it could be no part of my duty to scrutinize, as to the propriety or impropriety of its issue, and that the transmission of such a warrant would suffice as my legal voucher for the payment directed thereon. That the Auditing Officers of the Treasury Department do not entertain this view is, however, apparent from facts of late occurrence well known to you; and it is evident, if their construction of my duties be correct, it will become necessary that I should, for the future, exercise a discretion, in regard to the disbursements of the Mint; never before assumed, and to which I am certainly very averse. Desirous, if possible, to avoid even the chance of a conflict of opinion on such matters, I would respectfully present this topic for your consideration.

tion, and ask you to state what, in your judgment
are my precise duties and responsibilities with
regard to such disbursements. Should your opin-
ion conflict with that which I assume to be
entertained by the auditing officers, I would
further ask that the subject be brought before
the Department, with a view to establish, for your
warrants, the character of vouchers justifying
me, in any case, for the expenditure of the
moneys directed therein.

with great respect
your obt. servt.

Daniel Sturgeon
Treasr.

Hon. Jas. R. Braden }
Director U.S.

Mint of the United States.

Nov. 27 1855.

Copy.

Sir,
I have ^{received} your letter of to-day,
and will give the subject the
long to my notice, & proper
consideration.

Very Respectfully,
Saml. R. Braden
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. Daniel Sturgeon
Treasurer,
U. S. Mint.

Lawrenceville Ga. Nov. 27th 1852

Wm. N. C. Mint
Sir

A company is engaged in
digging for silver in the County in which there
are interests.

We think we have a valuable ore of that
metal - but have no means of assaying it in this
vicinity satisfactorily.

Can we get your assistance in this particular?
We are willing to pay for such service if
desired.

Please let me hear from you soon. And if
we can get such assistance there I hope you will
advise me what amount of ore should be forwarded
and to what address. If either a private agency
is preferred say which one.

If we cannot get an assay made then - you
will confer a favor by informing me when we can
get it done - should you have such knowledge.

In attention to this you will confer a special
favor on your Obedt. Servant -

Samuel P. Hammond

December 3, 5.

Sir,

Your letter of the 27th ult: to the
Assayer of the Mint, has been referred to me,
in reply I have to state that that Officer
will take pleasure in examining the ore
in question, so far as to ascertain whether
the ore of which you speak contains
precious metals, and in what proportion.
A good average specimen should be
sent, just as it is found in the mine;
the quantity is left to the discretion of
the company, say a quarter of a pound
to a pound; any convenient mode of
conveyance may be selected.

Very Respectfully,

James P. Simmonds.

Assayer of the Mint.

James P. Simmonds Esq.
Savannah,
Georgia.

Nov 22nd 1863

Sir,

I leave this morning, by letter from Mr. Bullard
Supt. of the assay office, that the payments at that office
for specie received by the last shipment from California
have reduced the coin portion of the bullion fund
at the assay office to the sum of \$225,000.

It another shipment may be expected by the 25th
not with one or two millions of bullion and
large portion of which will, ^{monthly} be deposited at
the assay office for which payment in coin
will be entered it becomes necessary to increase
the bullion fund at that office say to the amount
of \$4,000,000. in coin by ^{transferring} from the
Assistant Treas.^r office in that city.

This increase of the coin portion of the bullion
fund at New York will be necessary until the
Chicago shipment are landed at the Mint.

I am taking measures, in conjunction with Capt

Select the Sept. of the design, to resume operations
and to strike coins at the earliest practicable
moment.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

South Dennis Nov 26th 33

James Q. Lonsden. Dear Sir, My apology
for not attending to your letter of 1st
ult. is that I have been so very
too much to attend to certain business
necessary before answering the same.
I send you a draft on Suffolk Bank
Boston, which I presume you can get
cash in N. Y.
Please send your bill in due form

Yours Resp^t
Bryl. Perkins

Nov 25. Money let by Adams
& paid to. Receipted bill.
B.P.

Chamber & Board - Councilmen

OFFICE 175 CITY HALL

New York Nov 25th 1850

Dear Sir

I am again
 under the necessity of troubling
 you & asking the value of
 the "Remedy of the mint" with
 you & also, if price of Standard
 finings is worth \$122.5 per oz. then
 the value of pure silver is
 $.900 : 122.5 :: 1.000 : 136.1 \text{ cont.}$

Now the silver dollar weighs 412.5 gr
 from which you allow 6 to be deducted
 = 371.25 gr pure silver. and, if
 $400 \text{ gr (1 oz)} : 136.1 :: 371.25 : 105.8$ the
value of a silver dollar.

Again the silver dollar weighs 412.5 gr
 & if the 122.5 is for the value of
 silver coin per oz. then,
 $400 : 122.5 :: 412.5 : 105.8$

Will you see me the same to
look on the calculation &
show me my error.

Have you published any
papers of foreign com. since
1857? if so, when will I
find a copy?

Woodhouse is his report to the
English Govt. given to the
270 p. 21. 37. p. (2. 895).
246. 09 p. of the same. 260. 43 p.
American copy & value £ 43. 6.)

I am very respectfully
Yours

Chas. H. Hamell

Daniel H. Smith
Phila }

"mail"

Racine County Bank
Racine Wis Nov 12th 1855.

James Rep Snowden Esq
Philadelphia

Enclosed find my
Order New York for \$1000

Please send me Silver coin

60¢ in 3¢ pieces -

100. in 5¢ & 10¢ -

\$40. in 25¢ -

by the express company and
much oblige

Yours Resp

Geo. C. Arthur
(9)

Apr. 20th 5.

Sir,

I have received your bill of the 14th inst, enclosing, draft on the Bank of the Commonwealth, New York, for one thousand dollars, the proceeds of which you desire to be sent to you in London. I have, I think, no objection to this, in the present state of the market.

As the exchange of the pound has been rather low for some time past for the purpose of making the building entirely free - perhaps I repeat to say that our supply of quarter dollars and South Sea Bonds is exhausted. In a few weeks I hope we shall receive our drawings, in the mean time I could only send you drafts by express. If you desire the whole amount in the coin please say so, or if you prefer it I could send you a draft in the coin, and deposit the balance of the draft in the other coin as soon as they are received.

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I will return the receipt and I have from
you.

Very Respectfully
your old friend,
James Buchanan
Director U.S. Mint.

George C. Washington Esq
Care: Reine & Bank
Reine,
Michigan.



Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office

November 22nd 1855.

James Ross Smarden Esq.
Director of the United States Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sir, Your letter of the 20th
instant Touching the expenditure made
on account of the Monetary Balance, is
received and the subject referred to the
Secretary of the Treasury for his appropriate
action thereon.

Most Sincerely
Yours

Elisha Whittelsey

Comptroller

Farmers Bank of Reading
Nov 22 1855.

J. A. Snowden
Esq. Secretary of the Mint

Sir,

Will you please
inform me if the mint is at present buying silver.
We have some American silver of the old standard
say from five to ten thousand dollars some Spanish
& Mexican dollars. If you buy please state at what
premium.

Yours very truly
A. A. Michlerberg
Cashier

Answered.

Sent a copy of my last circular
Nov. 23. 1855.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, November 19, 1855.

Sir,

I regret to learn by your favor of the 14th inst. ^{not been again} that the following papers recently sent you had ~~not been again~~.
Fearing that it may not come to hand I send you to day by
Express ^{another} ~~one~~ package of the same. It also sent by the same mode
of conveyance the blank abstracts requested.

I will write to Mr. Christie (Charleston) to whom
can be sent the following papers and shipped, enclose the
bill of lading for the same.

I am, very respectfully,

Director U.S. Mint

Wm. Patton Esq.,
Dep^y Sec^y Mint,
Dahomeya.

Copies.

mailed

Minut 16. S.

Phil^a. Nov 21. 1855.

Sir,

I beg to call your attention to
my letter of the 20th ult., in which
I announced that the MSS. of
your had ordered were ready
to be sent to you. I also enclosed
the bill for the same;

(Signed) J. R. S.

Leicester, Mass.

Benjamin Franklin
Leaves.
Mass.
S.

Treasury Department
November 21. 1855.

Sir
I have received your letter of the 16th inst,
requesting the sanction of this Department to
an expenditure of \$30 for procuring, in the manner
therein stated, the portrait of Mr. Deane, the
second Director, in order of time, of the Mint, with
the view of perfecting the chain of portraits of that
line of officers, now deposited in the Institution.

In reply I have to say that, although I
think it would be satisfactory and gratifying to have
a complete set of portraits of the Directors of the Mint,
yet I cannot believe that the expense is such a
one as should be defrayed by the United States. Such
an expense is not warranted by any special or general
provision contained in the Mint laws. It is not
necessary for the business and operations of the Mint,
and it is not sustained by the usage or example
of the Government in other branches of the public
service. Portraits of the Presidents, or of the Heads
of the departments have never been made at the
public expense.

The expense in question is small, and
other expenses have been incurred, which are,
perhaps not strictly legitimate. I do not wish
to enlarge the matter or to give my sanction to

expenditures now and not required for the
public service.

I am, Very Respectfully
~~Yours~~
Secretary of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia
Pa.

Laurelton Nov. 21. 1833.

Dear Stephen Esq

Treas: U.S. Mints.

Phil^a.

from

We have
received from you of the
19th inst. enclosed draft
for \$571⁵⁰/₁₀₀. being in full
for our invoice no 7.

We propose to send
the 14 keys planchets in
a week or two.

Yours.

Very Respectfully,

Robert D. Lee

Treasury Department

Nov 21st 1855

Sir

The table, a copy of which is enclosed, was prepared in the Register Office.

Two typographical errors have been detected in it, and there may be others.

The statement for each year, from 1796 to 1852, seems to be to the 31st of December; that for 1853 to the 31st of October, and that for 1854 is for a date which does not appear; but the sum for that year differs from what is given in your report of Jan. 30 1855; and the total for all the years, differs from what is given in your report in the amount of nearly seven millions.

It might be possible, by the comparison of various papers in this Department, to reconcile these discrepancies; but it is thought best, under existing circumstances, to apply to you for a new table of this kind, brought down to the latest day at which you have returns from the Audit and its Branches, and with the date so distinctly given that there will be no chance of mistaking them.

Yours

You will oblige me by sending on the
table, at the earliest day possible.

Very Respectfully

James M. Ward

Secretary of the Treasury.

To the

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Gold and Silver Coinage at the
Mint of the United States in the
usual year from its establishment,
in 1792, and including the Coinage
of the Branch Mints from their organization
in 1835, to September 30th 1855.

Years	Gold	Silver	Aggregate
1792 to 1795	\$ 71,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 241,000.00
1796	100,727.50	79,071.50	179,799.00
1797	100,922.00	12,591.90	113,513.90
1798	220,000.00	330,291.00	550,291.00
1799	210,221.00	420,315.00	630,536.00
1800	217,700.00	240,996.00	458,696.00
1801	420,070.00	70,721.00	490,791.00
1802	420,010.00	51,375.00	471,385.00
1803	263,077.50	87,112.00	350,189.50
1804	251,672.50	100,390.50	352,063.00
1805	170,007.50	149,001.00	319,008.50
1806	219,000.00	471,319.00	690,319.00
1807	407,490.00	532,001.75	939,491.75
1808	219,000.00	519,000.00	738,000.00
1809	169,075.00	707,375.00	876,450.00
1810	501,935.00	603,770.50	1,105,705.50
1811	497,905.00	603,300.00	1,101,205.00
1812	390,000.00	700,000.00	1,090,000.00
1813	277,170.00	420,000.00	697,170.00
1814	77,270.00	200,000.00	277,270.00
1815	51,750.00	17,321.00	69,071.00
1816	-	20,000.00	20,000.00
1817	-	40,771.00	40,771.00
1818	242,790.00	107,000.00	349,790.00
1819	250,000.00	110,000.00	360,000.00
1820	250,000.00	110,000.00	360,000.00

September 16. 3.

Sir,
In compliance with your letter
of the 21st inst. I have caused to be pre-
pared and bound with a statement
relating the Gold and Silver coinage
the Mint, the branch mints and the assay
office, (1844) in the several years from
the commencement of their operations
to the 30th September 1835.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James R. Mendenhall
Director of the Mint

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City

Spent Silver Coins at the Mining
Branches of the day, up to 30th
Sept 1855

1793 to			
1795	71,485.00	37,068.30	44,216.80
1796	102,727.50	79,077.50	151,800.00
1797	103,922.50	12,591.45	116,013.95
1798	205,610.00	330,291.00	535,901.00
1799	213,285.00	423,515.10	636,800.00
1800	317,760.00	224,296.00	542,056.00
1801	422,570.00	74,758.00	497,328.00
1802	423,310.00	58,343.50	481,653.50
1803	258,377.50	87,115.00	345,492.50
1804	258,642.50	100,340.50	358,983.00
1805	170,367.50	149,388.50	319,756.00
1806	324,508.10	471,319.00	795,827.00
1807	437,495.00	597,448.75	1,034,943.75
1808	284,665.00	654,300.00	938,965.00
1809	169,375.00	707,376.00	876,751.00
1810	501,435.00	638,773.50	1,140,208.50
1811	497,905.00	608,340.00	1,106,245.00
1812	290,435.00	814,029.50	1,104,464.50
1813	477,140.00	620,951.50	1,098,091.50
1814	77,270.00	561,657.50	638,927.50
1815	3,175.00	17,308.00	20,483.00
1816	-	2,575.75	2,575.75
1817	-	607,783.50	607,783.50
1818	242,740.10	1,070,454.50	1,313,194.60
1819	258,615.00	1,140,000.00	1,398,615.00
1820	1,319,030.00	501,610.70	1,820,640.70

119	147.7500	707.37600	876.75100
1110	501.4500	638.77350	1140.20550
1111	497.9000	608.34000	1106.24000
1112	290.4500	814.02950	1104.46450
1113	477.1900	620.95150	1095.09150
1114	77.2700	561.68750	638.95750
1115	517500	1730800	2045300
1116	-	25.57575	25.57575
1117	-	607.78350	607.78350
1118	242.9400	1070.45450	1313.39450
1119	255.61500	1.140.00000	1398.61500
1120	1.314.03000	501.61070	1520.71070

1121	1.920000	1.207.0000	1.010.0000
1122	1.710000	1.000.0000	1.000.0000
1123	1.500000	1.400.0000	1.000.0000
1124	1.300000	1.700.0000	1.000.0000
1125	1.100000	2.000.0000	1.000.0000
1126	900000	2.300.0000	1.000.0000
1127	700000	2.600.0000	1.000.0000
1128	500000	2.900.0000	1.000.0000
1129	300000	3.200.0000	1.000.0000
1130	100000	3.500.0000	1.000.0000
1131	-	3.800.0000	1.000.0000
1132	-	4.100.0000	1.000.0000
1133	-	4.400.0000	1.000.0000
1134	-	4.700.0000	1.000.0000
1135	-	5.000.0000	1.000.0000
1136	-	5.300.0000	1.000.0000
1137	-	5.600.0000	1.000.0000
1138	-	5.900.0000	1.000.0000
1139	-	6.200.0000	1.000.0000
1140	-	6.500.0000	1.000.0000
1141	-	6.800.0000	1.000.0000
1142	-	7.100.0000	1.000.0000
1143	-	7.400.0000	1.000.0000
1144	-	7.700.0000	1.000.0000
1145	-	8.000.0000	1.000.0000
1146	-	8.300.0000	1.000.0000
1147	-	8.600.0000	1.000.0000
1148	-	8.900.0000	1.000.0000
1149	-	9.200.0000	1.000.0000
1150	-	9.500.0000	1.000.0000
1151	-	9.800.0000	1.000.0000
1152	-	10.100.0000	1.000.0000
1153	-	10.400.0000	1.000.0000
1154	-	10.700.0000	1.000.0000
1155	-	11.000.0000	1.000.0000
1156	-	11.300.0000	1.000.0000
1157	-	11.600.0000	1.000.0000
1158	-	11.900.0000	1.000.0000
1159	-	12.200.0000	1.000.0000
1160	-	12.500.0000	1.000.0000
1161	-	12.800.0000	1.000.0000
1162	-	13.100.0000	1.000.0000
1163	-	13.400.0000	1.000.0000
1164	-	13.700.0000	1.000.0000
1165	-	14.000.0000	1.000.0000
1166	-	14.300.0000	1.000.0000
1167	-	14.600.0000	1.000.0000
1168	-	14.900.0000	1.000.0000
1169	-	15.200.0000	1.000.0000
1170	-	15.500.0000	1.000.0000
1171	-	15.800.0000	1.000.0000
1172	-	16.100.0000	1.000.0000
1173	-	16.400.0000	1.000.0000
1174	-	16.700.0000	1.000.0000
1175	-	17.000.0000	1.000.0000
1176	-	17.300.0000	1.000.0000
1177	-	17.600.0000	1.000.0000
1178	-	17.900.0000	1.000.0000
1179	-	18.200.0000	1.000.0000
1180	-	18.500.0000	1.000.0000
1181	-	18.800.0000	1.000.0000
1182	-	19.100.0000	1.000.0000
1183	-	19.400.0000	1.000.0000
1184	-	19.700.0000	1.000.0000
1185	-	20.000.0000	1.000.0000
1186	-	20.300.0000	1.000.0000
1187	-	20.600.0000	1.000.0000
1188	-	20.900.0000	1.000.0000
1189	-	21.200.0000	1.000.0000
1190	-	21.500.0000	1.000.0000
1191	-	21.800.0000	1.000.0000
1192	-	22.100.0000	1.000.0000
1193	-	22.400.0000	1.000.0000
1194	-	22.700.0000	1.000.0000
1195	-	23.000.0000	1.000.0000
1196	-	23.300.0000	1.000.0000
1197	-	23.600.0000	1.000.0000
1198	-	23.900.0000	1.000.0000
1199	-	24.200.0000	1.000.0000
1200	-	24.500.0000	1.000.0000

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, November 20 1856

Dear Sir:

As Dr. Shreve, the Treasurer of the Mint will be temporarily absent for a week or two, at his former residence in Fayette County, I have, with his consent, appointed you to act in his place during his absence. This appointment is made pursuant to the 11th Section of the general mint law.

Very respectfully,

Samuel R. Smith,
Director.

Robert Patterson, Esq.,
Assistant Clerk,
Mint Bldg.

Stockton Nov 17th 1853

To the Treasurer of the U S Mint
Philadelphia }
P.A. } Dear Sir

Will confer a great favor if you would inform me if a Deposit of One Hundred and fifty and 1/2 ounces of Gold just received from Mr Hazen Runnels 26th April 1851 (with Certificate No 4828 signed by Engrs Hayes for Treasurer) has ever been paid to said Hazen Runnels or his order. The Gold was sent from California through a House with which I was connected at that time and it is important that I should have some information that I can rely upon in the matter trusting you will be kind enough to give this matter your early attention.

July 29, 52

Kearney St. Express
California

I am

Yours Obedt Servt

John P. D. Wilkins

"

Received of the
Treasury Department
at the Treasury Office
November 17th 1850

James G. Thompson Esq
Director of United States Mint
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Your favor of the 15th
instant is received and in reply
to inform you that the amount charged in your account
for ordinary expenses as having been paid to
messengers, messengers and doorkeepers being
an additional compensation for their services
in the 2^d of July will be allowed in the ad-
justment of your next account. This
kind of allowance will be made solely on the ground
that such charges have heretofore passed
being the office and not from any conviction
that such cases are fully authorized by
law. You will please refrain from
making similar payments hereafter at
the expense of the Government, as the same

cannot be allowed.

Touching the expenditure for the payment to "Debit & it file" there seems to be some discrepancy.

In the explanation accompanying the account you state "the price agreed to be paid was \$800," that you were drawn upon for that amount which has been paid.

In your letter of the 15th giving a fuller explanation of the transaction you state "that a balance still remains due to these manufactures of \$774.87 for which they have drawn."

This balance seems to be for the same object viz the Monetary balance, for which but \$800 was agreed to be paid.

In reply to this please send a copy of the agreement or order given by Dr. Eckert for the manufacture of the Monetary balance and any additional explanation touching the long lapse of time since the order was given, within

your knowledge, when the subject will be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury for his action thereon.

Most Sincerely
Yours

Charles Whittier.

Comptroller

Nov. 16th 1890

Sir,

I have to ask your donation of an engraving
here in course in procuring a portrait of the
Hon. Henry, 1st de Sanguin, a former director
of the Mint (1798), for the Mint Cabinet. The
series of portraits procured by my predecessor,
after which that of Mr. Lillibridge, the first,
under Mr. Bonclaire, the former director, were
not embraced the distinguished South American
and, Chancellor de Sanguin, who was the
second director in the course of official
rank and service. I thought it important
to supply that omission, and for that purpose
opened a correspondence with his son, the
Hon. W. H. de Sanguin of Columbia, S. C. from
whom I obtained a daguerotype taken from
a family portrait, from which I obtained
secured the likeness in suitable to be placed
by the Mint. In this is contained a list of the

in favor the portrait of several other persons.
The allowance of this payment to
the Treasurer in the settlement of his account
for ordinary and contingent expenses has
been suspended. The number is 4: 47/6, and
is for thirty dollars.

It has been usual for the ex-
ecution, to purchase their own portraits and
to print & pay for frames of equal size
and appearance. As it is 60 years since
Chambers de Saipura was Director of
the Mint it is hoped to supply the portrait of
the expenses of the mint in order to complete
the series of portraits in the cabinet.

I hope this explanation will be satisfac-
tory and that the expenditure in your
next meets with your approbation.

It leaves the honor to be
with your respects

Yours, James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Yours faithfully
James Guthrie
Director of the Mint

Montpelier, Vt. Nov. 16, 1842
To the director U.S. Woods.
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir

On the 13th inst.
I enclosed a bag of duck
to you by express according
to directions given in your
answer of the 9th. Since
that time I have been told
by the County Judge that
I could not possibly get
the proceeds from the duck
in time for the final settle-
ment of the estate of which
it is part and which settle-
ment is on the 1st of
December. Should such
be the case I am sorry to
say that I must neglect the
return of the duck to my
dear at Montpelier.
It was an oversight in
my not requesting the receipt

of time necessary to obtain
the return - in my favor
of the 30 inst. Therefore if
the negotiations of the Mint
are such that I cannot get
the value of the unit before
the tenth of December, you
will oblige me by returning
it immediately.

Very Truly,

L. S. S. Boyce

P.S. If anything should occur
that you have not received it,
or it becomes necessary for
a delay of any kind you will
inform me soon.

L. S. B.

Nov 19,

And, keep it up - promises
will be sent to me by express.

H

Treasury Department
November 16. 1853.

Sir
Questions frequently arise in the settlement of the
accounts of the Officers of the Mint as to travelling expenses to be
allowed.

In order to prevent such difficulties hereafter no travel-
ling expenses will be allowed unless previously authorized by
the head of this Department

I am, very Respectfully
Yours
James H. Watson
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Pease Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
November 15-1833

Sir
Questions frequently arise in the settlement of the
accounts of the Officers of the Mint as to travelling expenses to be
allowed.

In order to prevent such difficulties hereafter no travel-
ling expenses will be allowed unless previously authorized by
the head of this Department

I am, very Respectfully
Yours
James Buchanan
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Pease Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

No. 16

UNITED STATES MINT, *Nov 16* 185*6*

To J. R. SNOWDEN, Esq.,
Director.

The undersigned requests the approval of the
Director to procure

1 Ream Envelop Paper

H. L. Carman
J. R. S.

APPROVED,

J. R. S.
Director.

New York Jan 16. 1857

Sir J. B. Snowden.

Dear Sir

Being a Collector of Medals
I would very much glad to see if I could
obtain your "Report on Medal dies" to
be Congress Jan. 30. 1857. This report
contains a statement of dies in possession
of Government.

My friend of mine - also wishes one -
If they are not all distributed - I would
send a great favor to us by forwarding
two Copies to my address - if any charge
in same - We will remit -

Yours Respectfully

H. C. Peckford

29. Moore St

New York.

ans

17th send copy +
my last report to

Will send two into
my supply is nearly exhausted

Burlington N.J.
Nov. 15 1855
Col. J. Raf. Snowden
My dear Sir

I have to excuse
my regret at being compelled
to absent myself from my
Official post owing to the
Sudden death of my brother-in-
law, John W. Burling, who
was thrown from his
Carriage yesterday and
died this morning. I shall
be probably detained until
after the funeral on Monday
when I shall see you.

Very truly Yrs.
George A. Childs

Syracuse N.Y.
Nov 15th 1895

Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir
Have you
any *Aradion* on hand if so at what price
per ounce. I should like to have you send
me a small sample if right I will purchase
a quantity.

Yours Very Respectfully
Oscar Smith

Treasury of the United States.

Mar 14 1855

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive Treasury Draft
payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying
receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the
draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY.

Treasurer of the United States.

J. R. Snowden

No 142 Amount 560

N. B.—The paper of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receives it, should
write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to write
his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a
man should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the
substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office

November 10th 1855

Daniel Wingson Esq

Treasurer U. S. Mint Philadelphia

Sir

Your account
of Ordinary Expenses for quarters ending 30th September 1855, has
been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance found due the
United States of Forty one thousand seven hundred and thirty five Dollars
and twenty eight cents, \$41,735.28.

Balance for your account 6,007.71

This difference \$35,727.57

is thus accounted for. Voucher No 276 Item 1st For this
for Painting portrait of Chancellor Deshaussane, former Director
of the Mint (in 1795) for the collection of portraits in the
Mint Cabinet, suspended for want of approval of the
Secretary of the Treasury \$30.00

This sum being an allowance to the Watchman, Lockkeeper
and Messenger for the 4th of July in addition to the regular number of
days of that month, see Directors Roll, Voucher No 255, abstract of
Wages of Watchman - disallowed \$17.70

Amount of warrant in part dated October 10th 1865
not yet credited in your account \$ 34,275.00
Voucher No. 272 being for sum alleged to have been
paid Patent Office of Paris for the construction of a machine
for sorting of Coins & banknotes suspended for want of
receipt of Patent Office 112.88
Total difference \$ 34,387.88

Yours Truly
Yours

Elisha Whittelsey -
Comptroller.



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PEIRCE and NELSON.
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Cleveland, O. Nov. 13th 1855.

Hon. Rob. Snowden Esq.

Dear Sir

We enclose

herewith a Memorandum of Silver Bullion (Value received) which must surely be incorrect. This remittance by india count contains \$600⁰⁰ of old Silver which cost us about \$615⁰⁰ and aside from this we enclose a small paper package of Gold Dust valued at about \$7⁰⁰ which we omitted to mention in our letter of the 31st ult. We notice that no mention of this Gold Dust, is made in the Memorandum which leads us to suppose that ~~our~~ remittance has been confounded with that of some other party and we have their returns in our name and they "vice versa" - Please investigate the matter and oblige

Cordtly

Peirce & Nelson

Wm. L. S.

Phil^a. Nov. 16. 1855.

Dear Sir,

Can you give any information
touching the gold referred to in the enclosed
communication from Messrs. Price & Nelson - the
Hugobolt is under the impression that
it was brought here but not rec^d. in account
of its being too small in amount - Please
return the enclosed letter.

Very resp^t.

A. R. Linderman

of Bristol & Smith

J. Monell, Esq.
Supt. Kingsley Express }.

As I have the Parcel in my safe but forgot
all about it is marked 4-20 You make a
note forward to the Postoffice.

December 16. 51

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of the 13th inst.
On examining the Treasurer's receipt book I find
the silver deposits appear to in your letter
unless as follows viz. weight before melting 0.9975
weight after melting 0.9940 corresponding with the
above memorandum submitted by you. There does
not appear to have been any error or irregularity
in the transaction. I have in enquiring that
the same parcel of plate deposited to, and in the
possession of the Hensley Express Co. It was
brought to the Mint for deposit by their agents
but as silver and gold deposits of less value
than previous ones were made on regularity
It will be well for you to advise the Express
Co. as to the disposition of the above parcels
I suppose they can sell it for nearly its full value

Yours &c

8120

Boston Nov. 13. 1856

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Director of the Mint, Philadel
phia Penn? Dear Sir

I am much in
debts to you for your favor of the 8th
inst with corrections in the list of
Officers of the Mint. The copy of your
Report which you say you would send
by mail, has not reached me, as the
Report is of such consequence to me
in the preparation of the Almanac, I
take the liberty to ask you to forward
me another copy of your report.

I am, Sir, Your Obedt. Servt.

Geo. S. Briggs

Ed. Am. Almanac

Boston.

Nov 18th

Sir,

I have prepared, and herewith enclose, copies
to the illustrations prepared by the British Government
in relation to the Coinage of the United States, and trans-
mitted to me for review in your favor of the 9th inst.

I enclose to you the paper you sent me.

I have the honor to be,

with great respect,

Yours faithfully &c.

James R. Thompson

Director U. S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

(copy)

Wm. M. D.

Phil^a. Nov. 12, 1858.

Sir, I have prepared, and herewith
enclose,

Treasury Department
Nov. 9. 1855

Enclosed is a communication from the Department of State, enclosing a letter from Mr. Fremont with printed interrogatories prepared by the British Government, with a view to obtain information touching the principles and operation of the Mint of the United States.

I will thank you to prepare the proper replies to these interrogatories and to transmit the latter, with the papers now sent, to this Department.

I am, Very Respy
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia
Pa.

Nov. 10. 4

Sir, I have received your favor of yesterday with
the enclosed letter.

I will prepare answers to the
interrogatories proposed by the British Government
in reference to the Coinage of the United States,
and transmit them to you as soon as possible, say,
in the course of two or three days.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,

Yours obt. servant,
James R. D. Anderson
Secretary U. S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

What is the system of coinage at present established in the United States?

Our coinage is in the three metals, gold, silver, & copper, adapted to decimal relations; but perhaps the intent of this inquiry is not properly understood.

What is the fineness of gold of which the gold coins are made?

Nine tenths fine.

What are the weights and denominations of gold coins?

The double eagle, of 20 dollars, 516 grains Troy; the eagle or ten dollar piece, half eagle, quarter eagle, three dollar piece, and one dollar piece, all of proportional weight & denominations.

Are the gold coins a legal tender of payment to an unlimited amount?

Yes.

What is the fineness of silver of which the silver coins are fabricated?

Dollar (100 cents) of 371 1/2 grains; half dollar 185 3/4 grains; quarter dollar; dime or ten cents; half dime or five cents; and the three cent piece; these four of weight proportional to the half dollar - no denominations.

Are silver coins a legal tender of payment to an unlimited amount of otherwise, what is the nature and extent of the limitation?

The dollar to any amount; the half dollar is down to the relations mentioned, to the amount of two dollars; the three cent piece, to the amount of thirty cents.

Are the gold and silver coins of other countries allowed to circulate as legal tender by law or by usage; and if so, at what rate do such coins pass current in the local denominations?

Our last printed report on the usage of certain coins made current here by law will best answer this question, and it is here with enclosed. But by usage, we have also the half, quarter, eighth, and sixteenth of Spanish American and Mexican dollars current here, as if of full value, except too much coin to be legal.

At the Mint paid to the public for the coinage of both gold and silver?

Not of the amount of bullion offered to be coined, then one hundred dollars in value. But on certain coins the price per ounce silver is paid from time to time at the discretion of the Director of the Mint, and is payable in gold or silver coin at his discretion. At present the Mint price is 12 1/2 cents per ounce of standard silver coin. See next answer.

What are the charges for
 fabrication to those who
 bring gold and silver to
 the Mint for coinage? One half of one per cent of the value. In the case of silver, if the
 depositor wishes whole dollars the charge is made, if he
 wishes to be paid in gold, or smaller silver than the dollar, then
 no charge is made, but the bullion is considered as a pur-
 chase at the price above stated. There are charges for parting
 so, which are appended below.

How long a time usually? The coin is usually delivered on the day following, but in
 cases between the deposit of business, and additional day, might elapse
 of bullion by the public as
 the Mint and the delivery
 of coin to the person who
 deposits it.

For parting silver from gold,
 or gold from silver: 1/2 cent copying.

Proportion of gold 1 to 200 thousandths, 1 cent copying, after melting

201 to 600	2	.	.	.	.
601 to 700	3	.	.	.	.
701 to 800	4	.	.	.	.
801 to 900	5	.	.	.	.

For copying.

Proportion of silver 500 to 700 fine, the gold in any proportion
 not less than 1/2 thousandths, 3 cents per oz. after melting

Proportion of silver 701 to 800	2 1/2 cents	"
801 to 925	2 cents	"

Neither gold, nor silver is parted out, for the benefit of the depositor,
 unless the product after charges amounts to five dollars.

For toughening, in case of brittle metal, there is a charge
 upon gold deposits of one to 3/4 cents per ounce; and on silver,
 of free from copper 3 cents to one cent per ounce, on copying silver,
 3 to 5 cents per ounce. But mixtures of a refractory nature are
 usually refused.

Hamilton C May 1835

Dear Sir,

Yours of 18th inst.

Recd.

We duly received your favor of the 7th inst. enclosing drafts on New York for eighteen hundred dollars. (\$1,800.) on account.

We shall proceed to execute your order for drafts & forward them without delay.

Yours
Very Respectfully,

Black & Co.

12. St. St. Louis

9. Nov. 1855.

Sir

The result of my inquiries respecting the new metal aluminum is that I have decided not to use it for the beams of the assay balances ordered. In the first instance it is not yet to be obtained in pieces sufficiently large for that purpose, secondly a great uncertainty attends the manufacture of it. At times it is perfectly malleable and ductile, but at others it is so very brittle, that it is impossible to work it. There are difficulties which no doubt will be overcome after more experience, but at present I did not consider it prudent to make a light balance beam of it.

I am therefore proceeding with the balances as before, but attending to the alterations in the stirrups cases etc. as stated in your letter of the 8th ult.

The account for the balances and weights will stand thus:

Two best assay balances; beams fitted with agate edges in centre, ruby points at ends; stamps and pans made of palladium; back of glass case to open with hinges. £28. 00 each. ——— 56.

Two sets of assay weights for gold at 3s/ ——— 3. 10

Little " " " for silver ——— 3. 00

Putting the 2 balances in cases lined with tin ——— 3. 00
£ 65. 10.

The balances and the weights will be completed towards the end of this month.

I remain

Sir

J. R. Shand. Esq

Yours respectfully
Frederic Verling

Camptonville Yuba Co. Cal. Nov 9th 1855

Dear sir -

Being entitled to Pension, on Certificate
No. 4021. registered in book B. by J. Johnson
Smith, and payable in Philadelphia, I
would most respectfully enquire of you, what
course it is necessary for me to pursue, in
order to have the place of payment San
Francisco, there being no legal gentlemen
near me in the mines, and your name
being on the Certificate. I thought of
writing to you as being the person most
able to afford me the desired informa-
tion, being satisfied that you will do
so, and hoping you will pardon the lib-
erty which as a stranger I have taken in
addressing you, I remain yours most respect-
fully

Thomas Billings

S.D. Direct to Camptonville P.O. Yuba Co.
California.

Chief of the Stock Market

Washington, December 10th, 1863

Sir,

Your letter of the 8th inst. has been received. I have upon reference
to the books in the office of the Auditor, Agent here that your purchase and return
at the Treasury Department according to the law, having amount of
and of for purchase month. One was last paid at the Treasury here on the 1st of
1863 and of your loan within paid at Washington, since you are entitled to
the your purchase which must be drawn at the office of the Commissioner of
Land and at Washington only. Enclosed you the receipt for which
you may use to either before a Justice of the Peace at an ordinary Justice, or may
be most convenient, and forward them to the State at least for signature of
Judge of Washington, D.C. informing him of your being and that to forward
for record at the 10th and request him to forward to you a receipt of the
fund to make you to collect the amount.

I am very respectfully,

Yours to

Sam. R. Johnson.

Attended

Mr. James H. Billings

Capitola Estate Co.

Calgary

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, Nov 9th 1855.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst.
is received, informing me that you cannot pay the
draft for \$10,000. in quarter dollars. You will please
forward \$6,000. in dimes, and \$4,000. in half dimes.

Very Respectfully
Your O^bd^t Servant

John J. Cullen
As^t Treas^r.

Dayton O. Nov 8. 1865

Wm. Director of the U.S. Mint

Sir
I am about getting up a short
Book on the subject of Coins, embracing the various Defi-
nitions of Government, in which I desire to include a
brief description of the process of Coining. In translating
such matters within the comprehension of common men
standing, I have adopted the plan of giving a definition
of all Technical Terms used in relation to the subject
introduced into the work.

I should therefore be under great obli-
gations to you if you would be so kind as to furnish me
with a description, briefly, of the process of Coining, together
with a statement of the amount of pure Metal used
the Alloy of which the various Coins, authorized by Congress,
are composed. Also a definition of the various Terms used
in Coining such as, Bullion, Assaying, Alloy, Minting, &c.
and what is included in the term Bullion.

As a small remuneration of your trouble
in this behalf I will send you a copy of the work as
soon as I can get it published.

Yours very Respectfully

John J. Scherman

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.
New York, Nov 7th 1855.

Saml. Sturges. Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint.

Sir

I have this day forwarded
by the Adams Express Co. for collection, Transfer
Draft No. 2228, on you in my favor for \$12000. pay-
able in Silver Coins. You will please transmit the
amount in Quarter dollars.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servant.
John J. Cullen
Asst. Treas.

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Was Washington Am 7 1855

Rec'd, Philadelphia 7 1855, 5 58 A. M.

S. J. Rose Snowden

Director of Mint

Y
 I have to J. D. Plummer
 Care of Asst Treasurers
 at New York draft three
 thousand thousand to sent
 you yesterday he will
 convey the money to the
 Mint James Guthrie
 27/64 Secy of Army

Nov 9th 6.

Sir,

In order to continue our payments to
depositors I find it necessary to ask you to supply the
United Treasury with say \$300,000 in gold coin.
This amount will carry us through our redemption
of Chicago obligations unless there should be an
extra demand for coin. I am led to hope that
we shall resume, at least in part, the operation
of Chicago early in December.

Our Supply of coin being very low you
will please cause the transfer draft to be paid
as soon as may be convenient and as the
amount can be expeditiously transferred to the
Trust from New York I hope it will not
be necessary to make it payable at that
point.

I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Yours faithfully,

James R. Thompson,
U.S. Trust.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

Monfretan. W. Nov 3 1833
Office of the Quinby
Philadelphia
Pa.

Dear Sir,

I have some over two hundred
dollars worth of gold spec-
imens. a part of it is in
its original state the rest
has been melted from the
dust. It is in a state
not easily disposed of here
for its full value - nor do
I know in what manner
I can get its value unless
I make a journey to the City -
It is personal property left
from an estate of which
I am administrator and must
see to pay the debts.

Can I send it to you, by
Express, and be sure of a
safe return and of getting its

value? If so, ~~how~~ give me
the direction — Or shall
I send in to New York?
It is a matter of which
I am ignorant —

Very Truly
L. P. Bayne
[Signature]

November 7. 5.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 3^d inst.
I have to state that you can send your gold
to the mint through one of the Express Co's and
have the proceeds returned by the same
mode.

I am, very respectfully,
James R. Buchanan.
United States Mint.

Mr. J. L. Boyer,
Montpelier,
Vt.



Pittsburgh Nov 2 1855

Col. J. R. Snowden
Director of Mint
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir

We are preparing for publication a work entitled the "United States Directory for Bankers & Merchants", designed principally to give a full & complete list of all the Banks, Savings Banks, Insurance Co's with their location officers Capital &c. together with a full list of all the Private Banks of the Union, but wishing to incorporate in the work other valuable information connected with money & finance, we are led to apply to you for any tables or statistics that you may have in a printed or printed form that will give us details of the operations of the Mint from which we may select matter of interest to the Banking Community and that would have a fitting place in our Book. Hoping that our request may not be deemed impertinently or troublesome in its execution.

We remain respectfully
Yours etc. etc.
Wm. H. H. H.
per A. H.

and 8 cents
Copies of my reports
to 1855 & 1856.

November 1861.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 11th, respecting
a desire for silver change, I would state that by trans-
mitting a draft upon any of the Banks of that City or gold
coin by an Express Co. you will be forwarded any amount
of Silver in coined & half-coined that you may desire.

I enclose a copy of my circular of 20 July last
respecting the coins upon which purchases of Silver are
made.

Very respectfully,
Yours &c.

Sam. R. S. Mendenhall
Director.

Walter S. Mendenhall
Ansonville, N.C.

Farmers Bank

Knoxville Tenn Oct 26/55

Supr. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

At what rate will
you sell us small change (5-10-25¢ pieces) dimes
half dimes & quarters, payable in N. on N.Y.C. to the
amount of about a thousand dollars

Very Respectfully

W. S. Phelps

(cash)

Treasury Department
Nov. 5. 1865.

Sir

At your request I enclose a
draft in favor of the U. S. Treasurer of the
Mint at Philad. on the U. S. Treasurer at
N. York for \$300,000 payable in gold coins
which the Treasurer can cause to be collected
thru Adams Express Co.

I am very Resp^{tly}
Yours for the
Sec^y of the Treasury.

J. R. Brewster
Director Mint Philad.

November 7, 5.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor
of the 6th inst. with the enclosed drafts
in favor of the Treasurer of the Mints on
the Adm^r Treasurer at New York for payment.
The drafts will be collected at indication
in your letter.

I have the honor to be,
With great respects,
Your faithful servant,
James Buchanan.
Secretary of State.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Banking House of Beebe & Co
New-York, 31 Oct 1855
Hon! J. S. Snowden
Director
Bancroft
Philadelphia
Dear Sir

We are much
in want of new quarter
dollars we have a lot
old ones ready to
send on please say when
the mint will be ready to
exchange them for new silver
if convenient we should
like to send on \$5000 for gold
at 175 p ounce

Very respectfully
Yours
Beaumont
Beaumont

November 1861. 5.

Gentlemen.

In reply to your note of yesterday, I would state that we hope to be able to resume printing operations in the course of a few weeks, when we will be happy to supply you with such coins as you may require.

With reference to your proposition to exchange \$50,000 of silver for gold, I have to remark that we do not receive silver on any other terms than those stated in my circular of 28 of July last, to which I invite your attention.

Very respectfully,

Yours, &c.

Sam. A. B. M.

Secretary.

Wm. B. B. & Co.

New York

Treasury Department,
Fourth Auditor's Office.
October 21st 1855.

Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. accompanied
with receipts from Stephen H. Anderson Esq. for the
books, papers, funds, returned over to him as your
successor, has this day been received.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Your Obedt Servt.,

A. J. O'Brien

Actg. Auditor

✓
Daniel Sturgeon Esq
late Navy Pension Agent.
Philade.
Pa.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, November 16th 1858.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst. requesting some information on the subject of coinage &c. it gives me pleasure to furnish you with the following.

By the Constitution of the United States the power to coin money and regulate the value thereof is vested in Congress; the several States being prohibited thereby from coining money or emitting anything but gold and silver legal tender in payment of debts (Art. I. Sec. 10.)

By the several acts of Congress regulating the coinage of the national currency the monetary operations incident thereto are performed by the Mint of the United States (at Philadelphia) its several branches at New Orleans, San Francisco, St. Louis, St. Charles, Mo., and San Antonio, Tex., the Assay Office at New York.

The original schedule of the money of account of the United States gave a unit by decimal series; the dollar & cent, the dime, or tenth of a dollar; the cent or hundredth of a dollar; and the mill, or thousandth of a dollar; but in usage the notation is cent & mil only. That is dollars and cents. The dime is used only in coinage; the mill neither in coinage nor in account.

The gold coins struck under the several acts of Congress are the double eagle of the value of twenty dollars, the eagle of the value of ten dollars, the half eagle of the value of five dollars, the three dollar piece of the value of three dollars, the quarter eagle of the value of two and one half dollars, and the dollar piece of the value of one dollar.

The Silver coins are the dollar piece, of the value of one hundred cents, the half dollar, of the value of fifty cents, the quarter dollar, of the value of twenty-five cents, the dime, of the value of ten cents, the half dime, of the value of five cents, and the three-cent piece, of the value of three cents.

The copper coins struck are the cent, of the value of the one hundredth part of a dollar, and the half-cent, of the value of the one two-hundredth part of a dollar.

The weight of the double eagle, as fixed by law is two hundred and eighty grains, and the deviation allowed in the weight of ^{any gold} single pieces viz. of the double eagle, one and half eagle, one-half eagle, and in the quarter eagle and gold dollar, one quarter of a grain. The weight of the other gold coins are in proportion to that of the double eagle.

The weight of the silver coins (other than the dollar piece) were changed by the act of Congress of March 3^d 1837, so that thereafter the weight of the half dollar should be one hundred and ninety-two grains, and the quarter dollar, dime and half dime should be respectively one-half, one-fifth and one-tenth of the weight of said half dollar; and the three-cent coin of the weight of three-fifths of the weight of the half dollar. The weight of the dollar piece is four hundred and twelve and one-half grains. The deviations allowed from the standard weight of the silver coins in single pieces, are in the dollar and half dollar one grain and a half, in the quarter dollar, one grain, and in the dime, half dime and three-cent piece, half a grain.

The weight of the cent is one hundred and sixty-eight grains and of the half-cent eighty-four grains. The allowance for deviation in the weight, one grain the penny weight.

Coins of gold or silver, either of pure metal or of standard fineness, are lawful to be used at the option, in lieu of a payment in coin.

In addition to these coins, which comprise all of the coinage of the United States,

The currency of the foreign states and governments are more current in the United States under the regulations and at the rates fixed by Act of Congress. The standard for both gold and silver coins of the United States as fixed by law of Congress is such that of one standard part by weight nine hundred shall be of pure metal, and one hundred of alloy. The alloy of silver coins is of copper as the alloy of the gold coins of copper and silver. The silver not exceeding one half of the whole proportion of alloy.

The gold and silver bullion (by which term is included all kinds of other metal in the unmixed state) deposited at the mint is received into the melting and refining department after it has been assayed - by which process the amount of pure metal in the deposit is ascertained - and upon this assay the value is determined. It is then melted and run into ingots or bars of unwrought metal and is packed over in this state to the refining department where the ingots are run off into strips of the thickness of the coin into which the metal is to be worked and from these strips the planchets - or disks unstamped and unrolled - are sent to another department. These planchets are then stamped with the design and also of the coin intended to be struck from the metal. The weight of each one being first tested to insure that it is within the limits of the deviation from the weight allowed by law - and if found to be too light the planchet is condemned (i.e. it is returned to be re-melted and re-poured) but if found too heavy it is filed to the proper standard weight. ^{before passing the planchets on to the press} The coin is produced by the operation called minting by which the edges are first thickened by the pressure of a minting machine and afterwards incrustations (resembling the teeth of a brass wheel) are made in the coming field - by taking the planchet into the coin. Formerly when buttoning was put upon the edge of the coin, this was performed by the minting machine.

The total earnings at the Mint of the United States and its branches in the
of December, 1874, was as follows.

I transmit to you herewith copies of my reports for the years 1873 and 1874
in which you will find much statistical and other information relative to the
monetary operations of the government and also a copy of the pamphlet
respecting the Mint establishment &c.

I am, respect

Yours, &c.

Samuel R. Sherman.

Director of the Mint.

Mr. J. B. Coleman,

Dayton, Ohio.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/DECEMBER

1
To the Honorable the Senate and
House of Representatives of the
United States in Congress assembled.
The Memorial of the undersigned on
behalf of the New York Historical
Society, Respectfully represents, That
they have read with approbation
the recommendations of W. Snowden,
the Director of the United States Mint
in his last report to the President of
the United States the propriety of
the establishment of a medal
department at the Mint. That officer
remarks that "National and public
medals are important monuments of
history and their preservation and proper
distribution are well worthy the attention
of Congress - that it seems proper that
the government should take charge of
this important subject by establishing
a medal department connected with
the Mint. It would seem appropriate

Nov. 17. 5.

Dear Sir,

Please deliver to Freeman & Co.
Express, the four packages marked
"W. L. Mumby Phil." 470-473 and for permits
inland & foreign.

Very respectfully,
S. R. Swanton.

Worcester Mass.

Hon. Charles Brown,
Collector of the Customs,
Phil?

P.S. You will probably get
directions from the Sec. of the
Treasury to admit these articles
duty free, if so, I suppose the duties
will be refunded. I c^d. not wait longer
because I wish to send them to California immediately.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, December 11, 1855.

Sir,

I have received your letter of
17th inst enclosing Mr. Adams bill. The
same is herewith returned with my
approval attached.

Dec. 11. 5.

Sir,

I have to request that you will
supply for this institution, 12 porcelain pots
for repairing purposes. Please cause them
to be addressed U. S. Mint Philadelphia.

Yours, very respectfully,
Samuel R. Spencer
Director U. S. Mint.

William H. Schindler Esq.,
No. 43. N. Front St.
Phil.

Treasurer of the United States
17th November 1855

Sir

Your letter of 14th inst. to the Secretary of the Treasury
in regard to the draft transmitted from this Office
on the 13th, having been referred to me, I respectfully
request, that you will forward by Adams Express
Company Two thousand dollars in half dollars, in
account of the Transfer Draft, and the balance
thereof, when you can furnish silver coins in the
denominations asked.

Very respectfully
Yours, C. D.
Samuel Cady
Treasurer U. S.

David Thompson Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Charleston 17 Decr 1855

Dear Sir,

I have placed under care
of Adams & Co. one box containing
old silver coin, with the request to
deliver same subject to my order.
shall be in your city in a few days
when will exchange same for
new coin.

Box contains three hundred fifty
one $\frac{19}{100}$ Dollars.

Yours

Respectfully

Thomas H. Hall

Superintendent
United States Mint
Philadelphia
Penn.

No. 37.

Fifty one Fine Gold Bars transmitted
to the U. S. Mint for coinage, pursuant to the act of
March 1855, by John S. Case, Treasurer of the U. S.
Assay Office, New York

¹⁸⁵⁵
Dec 17 No 5911 to 5961, in five Boxes 25 @ 29,

Weighting 12,686.90 ounces @ 993 f.

O, R,

Gross Value	\$ 260,425.67
Deduction for coinage	1,302.13

\$ 259,123.54

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Dec 5, 5.

Dear Sir,

I have in the absence of
the Director to acknowledge your favor of
yesterday. We expect him to return in the
course of a few days at which time
your communication will receive imme-
diate attention.

Very truly and respectfully,
H. B. Linderman
for the Director.

John C. Bennett Esq
New York

To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States in Congress assembled.

We memorialize of the undersigned on behalf of the American people, respectfully representing that they have acted with affectionate remembrance of all Americans, the Director of the United States Mint, in his last report to the President of the United States, the propriety of the establishment of a medal department at the mint. That official remarks that private and public medals are important monuments of history, and that invention and proper distribution are well worthy the attention of Congress. That it seems proper that the government should take charge of such important subject by establishing a medal department annexed to the mint. It would be appropriate that each State on the National day of each State should be supplied with medals, in gold, silver and copper should be struck, to be disposed of to any person or association as may apply for the same, under such general regulations as the Director of the Mint, with the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury, may prescribe.

In the Director's report a project of a law to carry into effect this recommendation was presented to which we ask your favorable attention. Believing that it would be highly interesting to the Senate and others of similar character as well as the public generally to be enabled to procure copies of the many historical and other public medals heretofore struck at the mint, we desire for which reason in that institution.

U. S. assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department

December 17, 1858

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Co. as per enclosed receipt & Statement five boxes containing fifty one fine gold bars, weighing 12,686.90 Ozs gross: net value \$259,123.50 the receipt of which you will please acknowledge.

Apay Memorandums for bullion transmitted up to the 13th inst. have been rec^d.

In one of your former letters you stated, you could furnish the amount of 2,300 Silver dollars, for which I forwarded five filers on the 11th inst. I have rec^d your Apay Mem^o for the same & will thank you to send the coins at your earliest convenience, as deposits of filer bullion for coins are now much larger than my means to pay for them.

The next shipment of gold will be on Wednesday next.

Respectfully
Yours &c
Jas. A. Mout
Phil^a

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Wm. H. Miller
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, TREASURER.

N. Y. Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York

Five Bars containing 12,569.90 Oz. Gt. Gold Bullion.
Paid

Amounting in U.S. value to \$259,123.54

One Hundred & fifty nine Thousand &
One Hundred twenty three & 54/100 Dollars.

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at fifty
cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec. 17, 1855.

Wm. Adams & Co.
J. J. Cisco

Treasury of the United States.

Dec 14 1855

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive Treasury Draft
payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying
receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the
draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. R. Snowden Esq.

N. 973 & 569

Accompanying receipt filled
up and returned Dec 15. 1855 -

WRA
per [signature]

N. B.—The paper of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, procuring it for payment, receipts it, should
write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to write
his official or representative title or title, if it be written in the draft or in such endorsement. An endorsement by a
man should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the
substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.

12. Store St. London

13. Dec. 1855.

Sir

I beg to inform you that the two assay-balances and weights ordered in your letter of the 8th Inst. are completed. I have delivered them to the American European Express Company; to be forwarded to San Francisco; they will be sent by next Saturday's steamer. I can only pay the insurance from England to New York 12/6. The charges for insurance beyond New York will be collected with the charges for transport at San Francisco. The enclosed receipt is a duplicate of the printed receipt I hold for the balances and the insurance. You will also find duplicate bills for the balances and weights.

With respect to the packing of the instruments I beg to say that I have still left the instrument mounted in its case; but in packing I have adopted such means as I think, will effectually prevail against the dangers of breakage.

In regard to aluminium not much progress has been made since my last letter; in Paris it is obtained in the shape of very small ingots at the price of £4. per ounce; but the difficulty commenced in rolling it out. A Metallurgist here in London has promised to

supply me with a sheet in two or three weeks. ^{may} As I can obtain it I intend
making use of a beam for an assay balance or a chemical balance
according to the size of the piece of Aluminium I shall be able to
obtain. The advantage gained I believe will be great.

The coin weighing machine I am making differs from
that of Mr. Schuil in the mode of supplying the coin, and in the
mechanism adopted to guide it into one or the other of the three reservoirs
after being weighed. As it is intended to weigh the blank pieces before
coining, provision is made that the machine should stop in case of
accidental roughness of some of the pieces. The mode of supply is
Mr. Schuil's machine precludes the means of weighing other coins than
the one for which it was constructed. In the machine I am making
this will be obtained by adapting as many slides to the machine as
different sizes of coin are intended to be weighed. The cost of this
machine with 5 or 6 slides not to exceed £120.

I remain

Sir

Yours respectfully
Ludwig Berthling

James Esq Snouder. Esq.
Secretary of H. L. Mint. Rotterdam

Treasurer of the United States
15 December 1868

Sir

I transmit enclosed Treasury Draft No. 229.
for \$25,000. - payable in silver, to order of Adams &
Company, for this Office. Please send it as
stated on the face of the Draft.

Very respectfully
Yours, Sir,
Sam. Casey
Treasurer U.S.

David Atkinson, Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Moret, Phila., 16th Nov. 27. 55

Sir

Your favor of 17th inst.
acknowledging receipt of your
note and in reply to mine of
16th is received. You stated
that the proceeds of the sale of
your note would be forwarded
to me by express on the 20th.

Such proceeds have not
at this date been received.

Very Truly

J. S. Beyer

Director U.S. Mint.
Philadelphia.
Pa.

December 1, 55

I acknowledge your
note of the
proceeds of the
sale of your note
for \$100,000, and
am not yet received
that, you are
subject to.

Very respectfully,
Wm. R. B. Beyer.
Director U.S. Mint.

December 1, 5.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your
favor of the 27th ult. The proceeds of the
parcel of gold bullion referred to were forward-
ed to you on the 28th ult. for \$1100, I charge
\$6. by pass. If you have not yet received
the same I would suggest that, you accept
the above receipt as on the subject.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours Respectfully,

Director U.S. Mint

J. S. Rogers Esq.

New York

Dec 1, 5.

BANK OF HAMBURG.

Hamburg, D. C. 30 Nov 1855

Dear Sir

I send to your address this day, by Adams' Express, a package containing \$1000 ^{but} Gold in coin for you. You will please have it made into Bars, and send the Certificate for the same to R. H. Pomeroy Esq. Cashier of the Bank of the Republic New York, who has my instructions respecting it.

Very Respectfully
Wm. Blackwelder

Heavenly U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

1000

P.S. You may send the
Sum^o of delay to me, or
to Mr. Perry, as may be most
convenient to you

1826

1. 7. 1826

Copy

J. P. Blandford, Esq.

Washington, D.C.

Back

envelope

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office

November 30th 1855

Daniel Sturgis Esq
Treasurer of United States Mint
Philadelphia. Pennsylvania

Sir,

Your account of
Copper coinage for quarter ending 30th
September 1855 has been adjusted at
the Treasury. Balance found in
the Mint, as follows, viz

In cash	\$199.37
Copper cents	<u>257.70</u>
Total balance	<u>\$457.07</u>

Most Sincerely

Yours

Elisha Whitcomb

Comptroller

New York Dec 1855

Hon. J. Rife Snowden

Dear Sir,

On behalf of a
Committee of the New York Historical Society I had the pleasure
of corresponding with you in April
1854 in relation to procuring from
Congress the distribution of copies in
honor of our national medals.

The Society has since been favored
with your communication of April 23rd
last, transmitting a pamphlet copy
of your valuable report on the Mint,
and requesting our Co-operation in
procuring the legislation suggested
in the report at the (then) next session
of Congress.

Our Committee, to carry out
your suggestions, propose to report at
the stated meeting of our Society,
on the first Monday in January,
a memorial for immediate adoption
and transmission to Washington. We
would feel obliged if you will have

the goodness to inform us what
such a memorial should contain
and as to its most proper form.

I remain

Yours very respectfully

John D. Mercey

The Belvidere Bank,

ALEX. NEELY & CO.

Belvidere, Ill. Dec 1 1855

To Samuel Sturges Esq
Philadelphia Messrs. W. B. Smith

Dear Sir. Your favor of the 26 ult
is recd. We forwarded to your address by the
American Express Co. July 9/55 a box of letters
containing one hundred & eighty four Nov. 1854
hoping the information sufficient

Yours truly
Alexander Neely & Co.
per Charles

22/11/55

Sept 1. 51

Sir,

I have received a letter to-day from the
Superintendent of the Appr. Office at New York
stating that the balances in the warehouse room
are very much ⁱⁿ need of adjustment, and re-
questing me to send over an experienced assistant
to put them in order. As this is an important
matter and should be attended to without
delay, I will send over an experienced assistant
to do the work early on Monday
next. I hope the receipt of having the balances
accurately adjusted immediately will fully pay
attention in the matter, and that the balance will
be satisfactory to you.

I have the honor to be

with great respect,

Yours Obediently,

James R. Sherman
Director of the Office

Wm. S. Foster
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Syracuse Dec 1st 1855

I forwarded to the United States Mint
by American Express Co Nov 18th 1855
12 Oz 14 dw 15 gr. California Gold for to
be Coined please inform me if you have
not received it. not hearing from it
I thought it might be lost if not
please return it as soon as you
can in Coin by same Express.

Yours truly
Wm. C. Pillsbury

15- 1592

Newark, N. J.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 15th
inst. I have to state that the deposit
referred to was received at the Mint of the
proceeds forwarded to you per Wells, Fargo
& Co. Express on the 17th ult. I would
suggest that you communicate with
them respecting the same.

Yours, very respectfully,
James Cass Brownson

Attorney at Law

A. H. R. Lincoln

Wells, Fargo & Co.

Wm. J. Rittenberg Esq
Syracuse
N. Y.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec. 2, 1857.

Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 29th ult. I enclose herewith a receipt for the old silver plate & deposited ^{at the Mint} ~~deposited~~ for you by the Adams Express Co. on the 11th inst. also, a memorandum exhibiting the weight, fineness & value of the same.

Syracuse Dec 1st 1855

I forwarded to the United States Mint
by American Express Co Nov 13th 1855
12 Oz 14 Dw 15 Gr California Gold for to
be Coined please inform me if you have
not received it. not hearing from it
I thought it might be lost if not
please return it as soon as you
can in Coin by same Express

Yours truly
Israel T. Rittenberg

15- 1592

New York December 2^d 1850.

Dear Sir

Your favor of 1st inst. is received
for which accept my thanks.

What I desire regarding the remedy
of the Mint's coin, which is the percentage you
allow for it, is other words what is the value
or the amount of it? I explain it in 12 p.

I am yet at a loss as to the
dollar. Thus, if it weighs 412.5 grains, then 1/2 of
silver, it has 206.25 grains pure silver, which is
\$1.21 for or (400 gr.) = 93.09 cents. but if the
\$1.21 is for silver of standard fineness, that is the
price of silver coin, then, if 400 grains = \$1.21
412.5 gr = \$1.0174, making a dollar with the
amount by the Mint value of standard silver

Excuse me for troubling you in
this, but it is a matter of some interest to me
at the time.

Very respectfully

Yours obliged servant

Chas. D. Bassett

Wm. Menden E

The weight of the U.S. Eagle is 258 grains
and the fineness 900 thousandths, both
legally only but actually, ^{see p. 2.} it is 900
thousandths of pure gold, as well as by the

Dear Sir, I have to day received your letter of
the 25th inst. postmarked the 30th.

The phrase to which you refer, namely,
"the remedy of the mint" is an English technical
term to express the allowed deviation from
the exact standard. I do not clearly
comprehend your meaning when you inquire
as to the "value" of the remedy.

Your calculation of the mint value of one
ounce of fine silver, at 122.5 cents standard
makes 136.1; strictly it is 136.7. A
recent change in the mint price of silver
working to 121 cents per standard ounce
reduces the ounce of fine silver to 132.7.
It also reduces the whole dollar to 104
cents as near as may be stated. That is to
say we pay more value for silver in finer
coins of the present standard weight.

Director of the Mint.

The weight of the U.S. eagle is 258 grains.
and the fineness 900 thousandths, not
legally only but actually. As is shown
by the assay, as well as by the
testimony of the assayers of the Royal
Mint at London, and of the Mint
at Paris. I have not seen the
Report to which you refer; but the
statement you give from it is greatly
incorrect in every particular.

In answer to your inquiry I
have to state that my report for the
last fiscal year will appear in the
Report to be made to Congress by the
Sec. of the Treasury at the coming
session. Nothing has been published
by me, or by the Department on
the subject of the fineness and value
of foreign coins since my reports
for 1859.

I am very respectfully
Charles H. Nashwell Esq. Junior Sec. of the Mint,
Chairman of Committee, James R. Brown
New York, Director of the Mint.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec. 2nd 1835.

Dear Sir,

You will please give
the proper direction to drop the
names of Joseph Sixe and John
Barren from the pay-roll, as
workmen in the Mint.

Very Respectfully

and truly yours

Samuel R. Anderson
Director U.S. Mint.

D. H. R. Linderman

Director's Clerk.

U.S. Mint,

London, 4th Dec. 1853.

Perle Restaurant.

Dear Sir,

For the One Hundred and Forty Nine Bunches of Mint Snuff, advertised for Sale, on the 15th of January next, I hereby offer Three Fourths of the value, as reported by the Mint Assay. Please observe, that my offer is for the One Hundred & Forty ^{Nine} Bunches, and not for any portion thereof. Should any portion of the One Hundred & Forty Nine Bunches fall below Thirty Nine cwt of lb. as estimated by the Mint Assay, for any portion, I decline making any offer, in that event, my offer is limited to all those Bunches that may exceed that value. I am, Respectfully,

Yours Obedt. Servt.

Col. James Ross Sutherland,

Sir W. Sutherland.

Thos. Bence & Son,
Vinyl St.

10, S. West, Phila.

Silver Bullion transmitted to the
 United States Mint for coinage by J. J. Eise.
 Treasurer of the United States. Assay Office, New York.

Date.	No. of Bars.	Gross Weight		Purity 1000ths	Gross Value \$ cts		Deductions for Assay		Net Value Dollars cts	lbs and Oz
1856 Dec 12.	12.	1222	25	9982	1577	91				1
	32234.	4520	26	999	6226	80				5
	23835.	1991	46	9992	2573	53				6
	43 Bars	8034	57		10378	24	51 89	10326	35	

Chamber Board - Conciliators
OFFICE 175 CITY HALL

New York Dec 4th 1850

Dear Sir

When I answered your letter of 1st inst. I was at my office & was not a proponent of all my action upon the matter in consideration.

Upon receiving your letter & circular I do not see how an amount of "five per cent" (I assume per to be intended) is worth \$134.44.

Thus $400 \times 134.44 = 412.5 - 10\% = 371.25 = \$1.03.90$. That is, a dollar is worth \$1.04 =.

Now it appears to me, & you must excuse my obtrusiveness in not comprehending your rules. The if a dollar (i.e. $462.5 - 41.25 = 371.25$) is composed of 371.25 of five per cent the an amount of it is worth \$1.29.6 when the price is \$1.21 per 100 of standard principal.

May I beg the favor of your setting me correct in this.

I am very respectfully

Yours &

Chas B. Russell

Please address New York

The new value to the value of the
value of the value of all the coins
as given in your report of 1887 by 1.2240%

I Ref. Treasurer &

U. S. Mint

U. S. Treasury Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

December 14th 1855

Sir

As per receipt, and my statement enclosed, I have this day forwarded for the "Adams Express Company" five boxes containing 43 fine silver bars, weighing gross 8,032.57 lbs. amounting in net value to \$10,326.35.

I shall be gratified for the return in Silver dollars, as early as possible, to enable me to make prompt payment for present deposits of Silver Bullion.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Samuel Stinson Esq
Treas^r U S Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J. Cress
Treasurer

No. 21
Army Office, New York

Box containing

Five ..

— Paid —

Accounting in Note value to \$

Gen. Thompson

1001.01

which we agree to insert against

of the United States
No. Thousand Dollars

Conte per l'anno
1850

See page 100

Adams & Co

London Dec: 4th 1835.

David Thompson Esq.

Treas: U. S. Mint.

Sir,

We annex bill
of 10 keys planchets, forwarded by
Express -
We shall send another parcel
soon -

Yours

Very Respectfully

Geo: R. D. Dr: & Co.

Treasury Department

December 5, 1855

Sir,

Referring to your correspondence with the Comptroller touching the payments made by your order on account of the monetary balance, I have to inform you that I have, this day, directed the items in question to be allowed, and passed to the Treasury credit.

At the same time, it is ^{proper for me} for the purpose of preventing similar losses hereafter to express my disapproval of the following particulars of this transaction.

- 1st The issuing the order by a subordinate officer of the Mint instead of the Director.
2. The neglect to put the order on account, and
3. The acceptance of the article, after such a lapse of time from the date of the order, and the payment of a price nearly double that limited or agreed upon.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden, Esq.,
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

London, 4th Dec. 1853.

Perle Restaurant.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor
to enclose "Sealed Proposals" for
the 155 Bunches of Mint Suet,
to be sold on the 15th of January
next.

I am, Respectfully,
Yours, &c. &c.
Jas. H. Furmen

Col. James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint, Philad^a.

Boston

Sept 5th 1835

Wm Daniel Sturgeson

Dear Sir

Dear

We trouble you to inform us, if it is not
possible to get returns from the friends for
silver sent, in any other coin but dimes and
half dimes; they are a perfect army here, and it
is impossible to dispose of them. Is it not possible
for you to pay with gold?

Very Yours

Wm L. G. Co

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

Pecun 5. 1855

Sir

As per receipt and my statement
inclosed. I have this day forwarded by the
Adams Express Company. Five boxes containing fifty
fine gold bars, weighing 12,569 35 ozs gross.
amounting in net value to Ten thousand & fifty
four thousand. Six hundred and eighty ⁷/₁₀ dollars
The receipt of which you will please acknowledge.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Daniel Sturgis by
Treasurer of U S Mint,
Philadelphia

Wm J. C. Cress
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, TREASURER.

N. 32. Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Five Bars containing 12,173.35 Gm. Gold Bullion.

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$250,650.19

Two hundred and fifty four thousand.

Six hundred and eighty nine Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at Fifty
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec 10 1859.

James H. Kelly

London Dec: 6. 1835.

David Thompson Esq.

Treas: U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

We annex inv:
of 8 keps Blanchets, forwarded by
Express, and shall ^{another} send ~~any~~ parcel
soon -

Yours

Very Respectfully

Charles B. Lee -

Racine County Bank.

R. M. Norton
President

J. C. Kesteven
Cashier

Racine, Wis.

Dec 7th 1855

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the 30th ult. is received, and in reply I would say that, as we are not in immediate want of silver, you can hold my draft until such time as you can send me coin as requested or until you shall hear further from me.

Respy Jms C. Kesteven

Deposits of Salt Gullion.

Sample Number	Gross Weight		Standard Weight	Value of Gold		Purity	Assay on the Sample		Total	Remarks
	Gr.	Tenths		Gr.	Cent.		Gr.	Cent.		
325	116525	890	1152313			105	12431			
345	121216	864	1178899			130	16412			
6	120693	862	1164057			127	15855			
7	120774	864	1154734			134	16216			
8	120875	862	1198385			132	16558			
9	120965	860	1155388			135	16977			
351	131265	876	1278375			118	13919			
2	136979	867	1311650			127	17877			
4	101294	869	978098			126	13194			
5	93974	880	919379			114	10975			
7	109784	854	1042386			140	16025			
8	153963	881	1539701			106	16214			
9	133980	889	1323425			106	14444			
360	134761	878	1314662			117	16191			
1	136616	869	1319862			125	17641			
2	115193	871	1114812			124	14745			
5	124060	874	1205449			120	15324			
6	115670	895	1150917			95	11048			
7	115545	892	1145623			99	11561			
8	110433	878	1077335			116	13146			
9	78172	889	772166			103	8167			
25144.25 25134.25 24449.2634887001 9638 17963 24439.60148167038 308110 358528 129 150 307921 358378 35449 604905 00 11123 800 17973 09 35809 604726 09 11118										

U. S. Treasury Office, New-York.

Treasurer's Department.

Decem^r 7. 1860

Sir

The receipt and statement enclosed are
abundant. I have this day forwarded by the Adams
Express Company, for coinage, five boxes, containing
fifty two fine gold bars, weighing 12,719.56 oz. gr.
amounting in net value to \$209,796.50 the receipt
of which you will please acknowledge.

I propose, for the present, commencing on Monday next
to transmit daily, with the exception of Saturdays, about
one quarter of a million of dollars, in the event of each day
shipment not being delivered to you by ten o'clock on
the following day, please notify me by telegraph.

The deposits of Silver Bullion for Silver dollars,
have now exceeded the amount in my possession.
Please inform me if you can furnish from Twenty
to Fifty thousand dollars upon receipt of Bullion for
that amount, when its value shall have been ascertained.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt^{ly}

Samuel Sturgis Esq
Trans^r U.S. Mint. Phila.

Wm. F. Allen
Secretary

over

*P.S. In relation to the size of the boxes,
they were made with the view of having four
bags of coins returned in them. the size is not
objectionable to the Express Co. but approved of
by them.*

*No. 23 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York*

Five Boxes containing 12,719.85 Gt. Gold Bullion.

Parcel " " " " " " " "

Amounting in Note value to \$239,796.34

Five hundred & fifty seven thousand &

seven hundred & twenty six Dollars

*which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at Fifty
cents per One Thousand Dollars.*

New York Dec 7 1855.

John A. Hill

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

Madville Dec 8th 1855

Hon Jas R. Burman

Tras U.S. Mine

Phil^a

As I take the
liberty to ask you to send as
for the enclosed draft for 125⁰⁰
(One hundred & twenty five dollars)
Small change, in equal proportions
of Ten, five, and three cent pieces
and by Express Via New York to
Erie, By attending to the
above you will confer a very
great favour. Small change is
so scarce here that it is almost
impossible to get along with our
business

Yours Truly Geo. Shoyon
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Dec 17 1862

Dear Sir,

I send you, by Express
as requested, the amount of the
draft you enclosed to me (\$100)
in dimes and half dimes, the
supply of these coins being a
scarce one for the present, I can
send a portion in that coin.

I may add that our coinage
operations have been for some
time back suspended in consequence
of extensive repairs in the
mint buildings.

Shoulder I will be
able to send you any amount
of coin you may desire.

Very truly & respectfully
Yours,
Saml. Jackson
U.S. Mint
Washington

Lanumucille Ga Dec 8th 1855-

Dear Sir

Your very kind favor of the 3^d inst
came to hand today-

With this I forward to your address by mail -
Three small specimens of the ore referred to in mine
of the 27th ult. These represent the chief varieties
of Ore we are now raising, and are marked No. 1 -
2 & 3. No. 1 is the most abundant. No. 2 next &
and No. 3 the least. There is a large amount how-
ever of each - and a number of other combinations -
of less quantity. The specimens sent are just as
they were raised. The vein was discovered by accident
in digging a well. Water was found at about 35 ft.

The shaft is now about 56 feet near the bottom -
of which is the depth from which the several pieces
sent were taken. We have gone in all about 25
feet into just such ore as this. Covering the whole
size of the shaft every way - and how much further
it extends and what direction it yet wholly unknown.

We wish such analysis made as will inform us
of the value of each of these varieties. What metals
each contains & in what proportions - And the value of each
per lb. hundred or ton -

Please let me hear from you again at your earliest
convenience - and favor your A. S. Servt. &c -
Director N. & M. M. J. James P. Williamson

Pew for sale in the 1st Presbyterian
Church in Pittsburgh Pa.

U. S. Treasury Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

Decem 8. 1855

Sir

Your letter of the 7th inst. containing a copy Memorandum of Silver Callion transmitted on the 5th inst. is received.

Also for the Adams Express Company. The amount of Ten thousand, three hundred and twenty six 7/100 (\$10,326.57) in Silver Dollars, which amount has been placed to your credit.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

Samuel Stinson Esq
Treas: U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J. Allen
Treasurer

Navy Department
September 10. 1855

Sir

I enclose herewith approved in duplicate for payment by the Navy Agent at Philadelphia a bill in favor of the Mint covering the items charged in the bill accompanying your letter of the 8th inst.

The gold medal to be presented to Commander Ingraham was duly received, and gives great satisfaction for the skill displayed in the execution of the die and the striking of the medal.

The bill for expenses in the preparation of the gold medal has been referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, who will cause it to be paid out of an appropriation at his control for the discharge of Miscellaneous claims not otherwise provided for.

The Department tender its thanks for your attention and promptness in this matter.

Very respectfully,
J. B. Dahmer

Leah R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint Philadelphia

U. S. Treasury Office, New-York,

Treasury Department.

Dec 19th 1866

Sir

I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Comp^y. as per their receipt and my statement enclosed, five boxes containing fifty one fine gold bars, weighing 12,525.612 ozs gross. of the net value of Five thousand & fifty five thousand, eight hundred and twenty nine & 1/100 dollars, for coinage: the receipt of which I will thank you to acknowledge.

Very Respectfully
Yours etc etc

Samuel Stinson Esq
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J Cullen
Treasurer

JOHN J. CHICO, TREASURER.

N. 318

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Army Office, New York

Five Boxes containing 12,525.64 1/2 gr. Gold Bullion.

" " " " " Silver " "

Based " "

Amounting in Notes value to \$255,829.89

Five hundred and fifty five thousand, eight

hundred and twenty nine 89/100 dollars.

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at fifty
cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Dec 10 1855.

John Henry

Boston Dec 11. 1855

Dear Sir,

We lately, received from Lima Peru and forwarded to the mint at Phil^a thru Adams, Express, a package of Gold containing 1 Bar & 1 small piece weight as per Invoice \$1.42.00 - The package came from Peru in charge of a partner in our house & was sealed here in our presence in Adams, & by office. By return certificate from the mint the weight is given 38.90 oz. Cert^{if} No 1679 - The weight of gold given in Lima rather overruns than falls short and we think some error may possibly have taken place at Phil^a - the small piece may be left out of the return.

Being in the expectation of receiving remittances in this manner from Peru, we wish to ascertain the facts of the case and will feel obliged by your making such inquiries as may seem proper, to enable us to understand how & where this large deficiency occurs.

A reply will much oblige

Yours obt^d Servant,

Wm. D. Smith & Co

U. S. Treasury Office, New-York,

Treasury Department

Dec 11. 1865

Sir

I have this day forwarded by
the Adams Express Co. four boxes containing gold
& silver Bullion. for receipt & statement enclosed
of the net value of Three hundred & forty four
thousand, one hundred & fifty four dollars. viz
Gold 16,736.89 grs. & 341.84254 mts.

Silver 1,770. " 2,372.49 " \$ 344,115.03

The receipt of which, please acknowledge.
There will be no further shipment until Thursday
next.

A copy memorandums of gold Bullion trans-
mitted on the 5th & 7th insts. have been received.

Very Respectfully

Yours Ott. Servt

David Stinson by
Treas. U. S. Mint
Phil^a.

Wm. J. Miller
Treasurer

Six Boxes containing 16734.89 Oz Gr. Gold Bullion.
 One " " 1770. " Silver "
 One Parcel "

Accounting in Note value to \$ 300.00
Three Hundred and Forty four Thousand.
One Hundred and fifty five N. A. W. 11

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia etc. *fifty*
cents per One Thousand Dollars.
New York, Dec 11. 1855. / /

New York Dec 11. 1853.

No. 35.

Silver Pollution transmitted to the
U. S. Mint for coinage pursuant to the act of March
1835, by John F. Cooke, Treasurer of the U. S. Mint, 1835

Dec. 11 Nos. 13, 21, 22. in Box #6

weighing 1770 ounces & 998 $\frac{1}{2}$ Grains. Estimated 2283.91
Deduction for Coinage 11.42

1272-69

Sixty seven Fine Gold Bars transmitted
to the U. S. Mint for coinage, pursuant to the act
of March 1855, by John J. Cisco, Treasurer of
the U. S. Army Office. New York.

1855.
Dec. 11 Nos. 5743 & 5759, 5874 & 5794 in Six Boxes 216 & 21.

weighing 16736.89 gms. @ 993 F

Gross value	\$343,560.34
Deduction for Coinage	1,717.80

8341542.54

76998

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
December 18th 1855.

James R. Sanborn Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir,

Your account for
preparing Gold Medal ordered by Congress to
be presented to Commander Duncan W. Ingraham
of the U. S. Navy, has been adjusted at
the Treasury and the sum of Six hundred fifty
nine dollars found due you on said account.

Most Sincerely
Yours

Charles Whittington,
Comptroller.

Boston, Mich.
Decr. 12, 1855

Henry & Cochran Esq.
Sir,

Enclosed I send Mint
Receipt No. 1637 23 Nov. 1855 to Edwin C. Phelps,
Seven ³²/₁₀₀ ounces Gold Bullion. Please send
me a Certificate or proper document so that
I can realize the amount in New York City.
Yours Resp^t
Jas. A. Welch

Dec. 1861

Gentlemen,

Your favor of the 8th
inst. with the enclosed draft for
\$120 has been received. In reply, I
have to state that the binder is impossible,
as Mr. Kelley has not yet
had the endorsement by him. As soon as
proceeds can be realized, the silver coins
you desire in exchange cannot be sent,
until his return. We expect him back in
the course of a day or two when the
matter will receive immediate attention.

Yours, very resp.
H. R. Linderman
for British West Indies

Wm. Hill & Son,
Madison,
Pa.

Philadelphia Jan 24. 1857

U. S. Branch Office of the American Anti-Slavery Society
 Care of Allen Miller.

1857
 Dec 18. 11 Shells including 4 1/2 lb.
 " 14 Rugs etc. 1 20
 " 3 Boxes of Toys 1 00 6 80
 Dec 18. 1 Large & Small American Bibles
 with some other books 4 00
 " 12 Bibles for the poor 1 00
 " 12 Shells including 4 1/2 lb. 2 00
 " 184 & 1 Book 20 00
 " 8 Boxes of Toys 8 00
 1 Phila. B. 1 20 2 55 01.
 Duplicate \$94 89

Phil^a Jan 24. 1857.
 Received of James R. Thompson
 the above bill

In test. Allen Miller
 Geo. L. Miller

U. S. Treasury Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

Dec^r 13. 1856

Sir

Enclosed you have the receipt of the
Adams Express Co. and my statement of the
Boxes, containing 34 Fine Gold Bars, transmitted
for Coinage; weighing gross 8,408.14 ounces,
and amounting in Net Value to One hundred &
Twenty one thousand, seven hundred & thirty two &
41/100 dollars (\$171,732.82) the receipt of which
you will please acknowledge.

Very Respectfully
Yrs. Obedt^{ly}

Wm. J. Cullen

Treasurer

Samuel Sturgis Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

A. MCCLURG,
PRESIDENT
J. J. ULLMANN,
CASHIER

City Bank of Racine,

Racine, Wisconsin,

28 Nov

1855

U. S. Mint
Phila^a

I Enclose my Draft on
New York for \$100. for which be pleased to send
me by Express the amt in currency & Oblige

Truly Yrs

J. J. Ullmann

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1855/DECEMBER (CONT.)

No. 38.

Forty eight Fine Gold Bars transmitted
to the U.S. Mint for coinage, pursuant to the Act of
March 1855, by John S. Cicer, Treasurer of the U.S. Mining
Office, New York.

1855.
Dec. 19 Nos 5962 to 6019 in four Boxes 230 to 33.

weighing \$192573 ounces & 993 f

Gross value \$246,811.03
Deduction for coinage 1,224.01

Net value \$245,587.02

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia December, 1853.

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51.00

H. R. Anderson

Yours Saml. Maynard

Treasury Department U.S. for Medal Account

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29 By amount paid for materials, labor in man-
ufacture of 20 Silver and 60 Copper Medals for Phil.
Agr. Society as per vouchers 7922

By amount paid for materials, labor in man-
ufacture of 80 Silver and 20 ^{Duty} Copper Medals for
Common School Com. as per vouchers 11295

17 By amount paid for materials, labor in
manufacture of 2000 Gold Medals and 10
Bronzed Caps of same 13620

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158052

Mint of the United States

Phil. December 31, 1855.

Samuel R. V. Smith,

Chief Clerk of the Mint

Dr. James Snowdon Esq. Director, U.S. Mint - account - 1845

1845

Balance

October 4 For balance as per a/c rendered for Alaska 1845. - 177 10

November 21 For cash received from Phila. for duty of 1000000 - 25 00

December 23 Sum of 1000000 for duty of 1000000 - 25 00

December 27 Receipt of 1000000 for duty of 1000000 - 25 00

December 31 Balance of 1000000 - 25 00

184523

January 27

I forward herewith a statement of the interest
I am indebted for the January 1855 and enclose books
for the same. I have also enclosed a
balance of 100.00 to the credit of the same.

On the 11th inst. I was instructed
to place to the credit of the same the proceeds of certain
notes and also to transmit at the close of every quarter
a statement of the same. In pursuance of these instructions

made a statement was prepared by me which has been
credited with the proceeds arising from the same. I have
also at the same time detailed with the expenses incurred
in the preparation of the same. Quarterly statements of
this account with the proper vouchers were transmitted to
you at the close of the 1st and 3rd quarters of 1855, but
I have not been informed whether the same were
satisfactory. I will thank you to advise me in
this point, and also whether they have been reported

I am now preparing my annual report
to the Board of Trustees, but I will take occasion to mention
the same in relation to the progress of having by law

a medal of free establishment at the Mint. The in-
creased applications for striking Medals seems
to indicate very clearly the propriety of that measure.
I have the honor to be,

With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James G. Thompson
Assistant Secretary

Hon. James G. Thompson,
Secy of the Treasury,
Washington City

...the balance of the ...
...of a ...
...the ...
...the ...

The usual monthly count of the balance
in hand made to day is ... in the Treasury
of the ... in gold coins \$ 35,336.50
Silver - 376,957.33
Ordinary Fund 21,630.10
Reserve - 19,132.37
Total \$ 613,126.50

which amount was found on examination to
correspond with the balance as stated upon the
Treasury books of accounts.

The balance in the office of the ...
Treasury at the same time was found by count
to be \$ 413,633.27 in gold and silver coins, agreeing
with the amounts as stated in the Account
books of that office.

The usual quarterly examination into the
general condition of the ... and the ...

of conducting the business in its several departments
gave satisfactory evidence of assiduity and
care in the various branches and fidelity
to the interests alike of the Government and
the public.

I have the honor to be, sir, respectfully,

Yours faithful servant,

Samuel R. Johnson

Director U.S. Mint

Calculation Sheet of 104th lbs. Soap returned by
M^r Hester & Refiner (Harcroft) to Treasurer, at his First Office.
Account 3rd 1853. Copied from the London Treasurer's Office Jan 15. 1858

Tons	Bbls	Arrived Apr 1st		Total for Lot	Simmons	Gold		Simmons	Silver	
		Gross	Net			Antoine	Pys du		Antoine	Pys du
1	10	4003	535	3358	56 263	00217	135 656	00259	158 786	
2	10	4112	575	3337	51 581	00222	127 233	00266	155 450	
3	10	3993	577	3416	49 787	00168	92 936	00260	143 829	
4	10	3563	542	3321	45.481	00257	134 441	00312	167 894	
5	10	3767	560	3207	46 769	00193	100 294	00277	143 945	
6	10	3542	531	2971	43 327	00145	69 804	00205	98 659	
7	10	3911	511	3400	49 513	00167	92 004	00219	120 652	
8	10	4133	579	3654	53.288	00151	89 405	00209	144 470	
9	7	2769	373	2396	34 942	00117	45 425	00225	57 355	
10	11	3357	533	2854	41.621	00135	62 431	00459	226 141	
11	6	1959	323	1666	24.296	00161	43 462	00450	121 48	
12	1	843	59	384	5.600	00048	2 987	02114	131 58	
Total		41412	5750	34662	515 458		1016 078		1697 23	
Subtotal for Error			189		2 756	00167	5 413	00219	6 70	
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Inset 217, BM 6, Cross Mt 358. instead of 587

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N.B.
In the original document the Barrels are particularized
as regards gross, tare & net - but the Apay Reports are given
only, on the Net as above -

London Dec 29. 1855.

Dear Sir,

Res. U.S. Min.

Sir,

We have received
your favor of the 27th inst.
concerning check on New York,
for \$2.172. which with
\$30⁰⁰ we pay to the credit.

We shall prepare to
pay promptly, immediately
to forward them by Express.

Your proposition to forward
the amount due on our
notes, to Willing's, is not
a satisfactory one.

Yours Very Respectfully
Charles D. Smith

Treasury Department
Oct. 29th 1865.

Sir. I have to inform you in reply to your
letter of 26th Inst. that the Collector at New York
was instructed, on that date, to admit to free
entry four porcelain pots imported for the use
of the U. S. Mint, but was not instructed in re-
lation to the name of the vessel, marks, number &c.
but was referred to you for the same; it was the
intention of the Department to have sent the
said order to you, but in the hurry of business
the same was transmitted to the Collector at
New York. I have also to inform you that the
Collector at Philadelphia has this day been direc-
ted to admit to free entry the porcelain pots per
"Hercules" for the Branch at San Francisco.

Very respectfully

A. P. Snowden Esq
Collector of the Mint
Philadelphia

Yours ob^d Servt
James Buchanan
Act of the Treasury

Brooklyn C. B. 29 Dec. 1815

col Jas R. Menden
dir. US Mint
Phil^a

Sr

After having sent my letter of this date to
the post office it occurred to me that they for the same
should have been sent with the receipts. Accordingly, to pre-
vent delay send them herewith -

I am very respectfully
Yours &c
Martin K. Coffin

January 1. 5.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your letter of the 29th with the enclosed stated. The attention of the Treasury Department has been called to your request for payment for the aid received by the French Ministry of Finance from you. As soon as I hear from the Secy of the Treasury, on the subject in question I will write you.

Very respectfully,

A. S. Pickens.

for the Secretary of State

Martin Delany

of the same

1853

Watbury Dec. 28th 1855
J. R. Snowden Esq. Dear Sir

Will
you be so kind as to add
one to the number of each
both Gold & Silver Medals &
Very much oblige

Yours Respy
P. B. P.

P.S. If the Medals ordered
previously, are already struck,
another quantity of Metal will
answer the purpose for the
above

P. B. P.

note that
the medals
will be struck

December 28th. 87

Arly.

I have retained the draft enclosed in your letter of 20th inst. in the hope to have committed by this date the amount of it (\$1000) in the coin specified in your letter, but the repairs to the Mint building have delayed longer than was anticipated the resumption of our coinage operations. If half dollar and half dimes would be convenient to you, I can send them to you in payment of your draft in such amounts as you may desire - or if you prefer the denominations of coin specified in your letter I will await the commencement of our coinage operations which will soon be resumed.

I am, respectfully,

Yours, &c.

Samuel Pope Hooper,
Director.

Wm. A. Hooper,
Cashier, Bank of
Racine, Wisconsin.

Treasury of the United States
25 December 1850

Sir

Your letter of 27th inst. is received. Please forward
two thousand dollars in half dollars and the balance
of the Exchange Fund (182292) in gold dollars.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. S.

Sam. A. S.

Treasurer U. S.

Wm. H. S.

Treasurer U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia Decemb^r 26th 1837

Dr.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your favor of the 21st inst. enclosing the duty upon the pecuniary note intended for the bank mint at San Francisco. The note for the redemption of the duty was not enclosed in your letter as intended. The note is one of the classes of the bank, marked and numbered "U.S. Mint, Philadelphia 1837, four cents pecuniary note 107."

I have just received of the account of the first of the American ship. Attached with the balance of the outgoing note ordered for the bank at San Francisco, marked and numbered "U.S. Mint, Philadelphia 1837, the same pecuniary note 107 1/2." Attached is now pending for San Francisco, and as dispatch is desirable may I beg your early attention to this communication, and the transmission of orders to the collector at New York and Philadelphia for the admission of the duty upon the same under the same.

I have the honor to

With great respect

Y^r faithful servant

Samuel Ross Snowden.

Director

Mrs. Samuel Ross Snowden

Secy of the Treasury

Washington City

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Dec: 27

1855

Sir:

In reply to your favor of the 24th inst. relative to Mr. Longene's bill for making the design for the Ingham medals, I have to state that at the request of the Secretary of the Navy, I consented that Mr. Longene should undertake the work, he informing me that its execution would not interfere with his official duties.

I had no information as to the terms of the agreement between the Navy Department and Mr. Longene - nor was I advised that any compensation was to be given him.

I deemed it proper that Mr. Longene should be informed of the contents of your letter. He has written me a note on the subject a copy of which I enclose to you for your information.

I have the honor to be

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James Hopkinson

Director of the Mint.

Mrs. James Smith

Sec. of the Treasury

Washington City

P.S. I have been unable for some days to answer better & hope to be able to do so in the near future.

Mint of the U. S. Philad.^a Dec. 26. 1853

Dear Sir

Respecting the dies for the Ingraham Medal, referred to, by the Secretary of the Treasury: I would beg leave respectfully to state: That in April last, I was called on by Capt. S. Eastman on behalf of the Navy Department who wished me to contract to engrave the dies for the Ingraham Medal from designs furnished by him: I informed him very distinctly, that it would be impossible for me to do so, if the execution of the same would in any way interfere with my duties as an officer of the Mint: that my time and skill during office hours could only be employed in the business of the Mint: but that I was willing to give such time and attention to the work as might be necessary during the intervals of my official duties: if this would be satisfactory. It was under these conditions I accepted the responsibility for the work. The forging and engraving of the dies, was done out of the Mint by persons who I employed and paid for the work: and no portion of the labour or attention which devolved on me personally, was allowed to interfere with the time required by my official duties.

Very respectfully

J. K. Snowden Esq. }
Director of the Mint }

Yours obt.^l serv.^t
James B. Longacre

Post Office
Philadelphia, Aug 24 1836

Sir,

I have pleasure in the name of the American
Express Company to deposit with you a sum of \$1000
to 2500 for the sum of ten thousand dollars payable
by you in 1000 dollars.

This office is ready to make it good
and of this communication, and you will please
me by sending the amount to be drawn in such coins

Very respectfully
Yours etc.

P. E. Sherman
per A. A. Stewart

By
David Stewart Esq
Per A. A. Stewart
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
December 27th 1855.

Daniel Morgan Esq.
Treasurer of the United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Sir.

In reply to yours of the 24th inst.
respecting the payment of the draft of \$774.57 by Order of Cash
for the balance due on the Monetary Balance, I have to say,
the endorsement of Greenback pp. of London Bank will be
allowed upon its being guaranteed by the holder of the
Draft.

Most Sincerely
Yours

Elisha Whittelsey,
Comptroller.

Columbus O. Dec 26 1855
Supit N. S. Mint

Dear Sir

You will greatly
oblige me by making an assay of these two
pieces of silver marked 14 & and reporting
the exact quality at as early a day as
possible.

Yours Respectfully

J. W. Blyne

No. 1. (the smaller lump) 900 parts fine in 1000.
No. 2. 885 " " "

Jan. 1. 18.

Sir,
The fineness of the two pieces of
Silver forwarded by You on the 26th ult:
was as follows:

No. 1 900 parts fine in 1000.

No. 2 815 " " "

The above results were determined by an assay
made by the Assayer of the Mint.

Very respectfully,

L. R. Linneman

for the Director of the Mint.

M^{rs} Plym Esq
Columbus }
Ohio }

No. 40.

Old London & Sea Fine Gold Bars
transmitted to the U. S. Mint for coinage
pursuant to the Act of March 1855, by John
J. Cisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Dep. of Treas.,
New York.

1855.
Dec. 26. Nos. 6077 to 6182, in seven bars, each,
weighing 20,153.47 ounces viz. -

7,929.26	ounces @ 992 1/2 f
12,230.21	" @ 993

Gross value	\$413,611.04
Deduction for coinage	2,068.06

Net value \$411,542.98

Medals for Commemorative Exposition of 1876

Fine Gold Medal, value \$13. $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches diam.,
should be a half tenth thick, as near as may be.

Fine Silver Medal, 2 ounces, $2\frac{1}{8}$ in. diam.,
should be one tenth thick; a very little bare.

W.H.P.

December 11, 18

Sir,

Your letter of 10th inst. regarding parcels of
coffee we had been received.

In reply I would state that that one is wholly
unsuitable for any purpose at the time, and it is highly
probable that at the latest it contains it not even five
or six thousandths parts the value of the lot, or will go
for nothing in any disposition of it.

I am, respectfully,

Yours &c.

James R. Schenck
Director.

A. A. Sarnell, Esq.,
Trust, Marine Coffee Co.,
Boston.

can give me on any of the parcels
greatly obliged
A. A. Sarnell
Trust, Marine Coffee Co.
Boston.

that there is 500 or 600 of
Silver mixed up with the
Copper -

My object in addressing
you, is to ask if a sale could
be made of this ore, in its
present state, to the Mint - that
is to be too much Silver to allow
of smelting in the ordinary way -

Any information which you
can give me on this point will
greatly oblige Y^{rs} friend

O. A. Farnell

Pres^t Phoenix Copper Co.

John 20 March 1866
J. H. Snowden Esq.
Rich^d A. S. Mint
Philad^a
Pa.

I have
just received a shipment of about
Five Tons Copper from the
Phoenix Copper Comp^y at Lake
Superior - This Copper is mostly
in Bars - and chiefly the
product of stamping Mills -
where the Copper bearing Rock
is pulverized & washed and
it runs average probably 80
per cent of Copper - The Super.

Treasury Department
December 24. 1853

Sir

I send an account of Jacob R. Longacre
for \$2,200. for preparing, from the designs of
S. Eastman, the dies for the Ingham Medal.
to Mr. Longacre is an officer of the Mint and
receives a fixed salary from the U States.
I desire to know how and when the dies for
this Medal were made, and what portion
of his time Mr Longacre gave to the making
of these dies, and whether it was done with
your knowledge

I am, very Resp.

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

U. S. Treasury Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

Decemr 26. 1855

Sir

I have this day forwarded in the usual manner, for receipt and statement inclosed, some boxes, containing One hundred & six fine gold bars, weighing 20.133.107 Ozs Gross, of the net value of \$411,542.95 the receipt of which you will please acknowledge. I shall make no further shipment until after the 1st prox.

You will oblige me, by transmitting the Apay Memo^r. for this, at your earliest convenience as I desire to close my accounts as early as possible after the termination of the Quarter.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Samuel Sturgent Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia.

J. H. J. Ellery
Treasurer

JOHN J. GREGG, TREASURER

N. H. O.

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Army Office, New York.

Several Bars containing 20,153.117 Ozs. Gold Bullion.

Parcel "

Amounting in Value to \$111,542.98
Four hundred and eleven thousand
five hundred forty two Nine dollars,
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at fifty
cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Decemr 26, 1855.

To Adams Express Co. Am. N.Y.

December the 24th 5.

Gentlemen.

The specimens of Libanus by you have been analyzed
and give the following results, by duplicate assay.

Nov. 333 to 334 Libanus fine

Nov. 300 to 301 1/2

Nov. 301 to 302

The three dollars contained in your note is herein returned.

No charge is made for assaying the metal.

Respectfully

Yours

James Ross Snowden.
Clerk

Messrs. C. I. Baldwin & Co.
Indianapolis Ind.

Indianapolis Ind

17 Dec 1855

Assayut W. S. Mint.

Sir

Enclosed

find 3 pieces of L.C.
which please assay &
send an certified statement
of quality of each.
I also find enclosed
\$3. to pay for assay. if
not enough we will send
for it.

Yrs Respectfully

J. Alden

Received of J. Alden
the sum of \$3.00
for assay of 3 pieces of L.C.
Dec 17 1855
W. S. Mint

Received of J. Alden
the sum of \$3.00
for assay of 3 pieces of L.C.
Dec 17 1855
W. S. Mint

No. 2
1851

Taunton Dec 24. 1850.

E. C. Dale Esq.

Taunton N. H.

Dear Sir,

25 keeps planches
from the Boston

The boards of the same plan
found in cut to help in making
New York

Yours

Wm. H. R. R. R.

Geo. W. R. R.

No. 39.

Sixty Seven Fine Gold Bars transmitted
to the U.S. Mint for coinage, pursuant to the Act of
March 1855, by John J. Esler, Treasurer of the
U.S. Assay Office, New York.

¹⁸⁵⁵
Dec. 21 Nos. 6010 to 6076 in ~~60~~ Boxes 34839.

weighing 16,132.56 ounces @ 993 f.
OK

Gross value \$ 331,155.18
Deduction for coinage 1,655.78

329,499.40

U. S. Assay Office, New-York.

Mint's Department.

December 20th 1855

Sir

I have this day forwarded in the usual manner, as per receipt and statement enclosed, Six boxes containing Sixty Seven fine gold bars, weighing gross, lb. 132.56 troy, and valued at Three hundred and twenty nine thousand, four hundred and ninety nine ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars (\$329,499.10) the receipt of which, please acknowledge.

There will be no shipment tomorrow

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt

Wm. J. May
Treasurer

Samuel Sturgis Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

№ 39

Survey Office, New York.

Six Bee containing

Phil. 2

Paul

Augmenting in Net value to \$ 329.499.40

Wm. Sumner & Son, 211 N. 3rd St.

Sum. Two and Ninety nine ¹⁰⁰/₁₀₀ the dollar

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer.

of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at 1/16

Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Aug 24 1855

Wm. H. Wood

December 25th, 1875.

Sir,

I have to request that you will cause a Draft to be issued in favor of the Treasurer of the trust and pay out of the appropriation made for the support of the trust for the sum \$244,475 to meet the expenses of the current quarter for Salaries of officers and clerks, wages of workmen and material and other contingent expenses, as follows:

For salaries \$69,

Wages 12,000

Material &c. \$223,475

I have the honor

to be, Sir,

Your faithful servant,

James R. Buchanan.

Secretary

Hon. James Guthrie,

Secy of Treasury

United States

Mont of United States

Philadelphia, December 11, 1855.

Sir,

I have caused the specimen of ore sent by you to be examined by the assayers of the Mint, and to find that they do not contain precious metal or copper. Not being at all susceptible of gold or silver and a reply would have been promptly returned to you in communication of the result of our inspection of the specimen, but desiring to await the result of analysis the only specimen at all showing a native appearance, is the one which is dotted with iron pyrites.

I am, very respectfully

Yours, &c.

James P. Thompson.
Director.

Mr. James I. Simonson
Lawrenceville, Ga.

U. S. Treasury Office, New-York,

Treasury Department.

Decem 19 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. and also of Silver \$2,272.29 by the Adams Express Co., with which your Ac has been audited.

I have forwarded this day in the usual manner, as per receipt and statement enclosed, four boxes containing forty eight fine gold bars, weighing gross 11,925.73 ozs. The net value of which is \$2,253,577.02

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Six boxes of fine gold bars will be forwarded tomorrow.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servt

Samuel Stinson Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Phil^a

Wm J. Ellis
Treasurer

N. 31

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Army Office, New York

Four Boxes containing 11,923.73 Ozs. Gold Bullion.

" " " " Silver " "

Parcel " "

Amounting in Value to \$2,135,770.02

Five Thousand and forty three thousand.

Five hundred and twenty seven Two Cents

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at fifty

Cents per One Thousand Dollars

New York, Dec. 19th 1855 for Adams Exp Co

W. P. Ginn
Treasurer

JOHN J. CUSCO, TREASURER

London Dec 19. 1835.

And. David Sturgeon.

Treas. U.S. Mint,

Sir.

We have
received your communication
by telegraph, will send
the platelets named, by
Express, tomorrow.

Yours
Very Respectfully

Charles D. W. G.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856/JANUARY

Windham January the 18 1896
To the directors of the assay office in New York
I have this several years been engaged in
Hunting and digging for minerals and have
succeeded in finding different kinds gold
Silver copper lead many more of which I send
you a specimen of gold as I have a hundred
~~for~~ pounds on hand and would like to get it
worked I have taken several tests upon it
with the acids but have not the apparatus
to determine the percentage I wish you to
Assay it and give me the value and terms you
will work. I can furnish many quantities
of ours of the different kinds I have mentioned
Please answer me this and inform me how to
Direct a letter or the ores if you think best to have
Any thing to do with it. I can send you many
Other kinds of specimens if you think best
If they prove of sufficient value I will come with
them I will pay for the Assaying of this in a letter
When I receive an answer from you Please direct
A letter to me to be left at the post office
In west Windham Bradford county Pennsylvania
Norman Cowles

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, January 19. 1856

Sir,

Your letter ^{of 18th inst.} directed to the Assay Office
at New York was with the enclosed specimen
referred to me for examination. In reply I
have to state that the specimen referred to, is
a non-metallic mineral of no value.

Very respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Mr. Norman Bowles
West Minsterham
Bradford Co.
Pa

U. S. Army Office,

New York, Jan. 19, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit, enclosed, tab-
ular statements A & B, from
which you will derive the
information necessary for comple-
ting the tables of your Annual
Report, so far as relates to
this Office. The Superintendent
will address you further
on the general condition of
the Office.

Very respectfully,

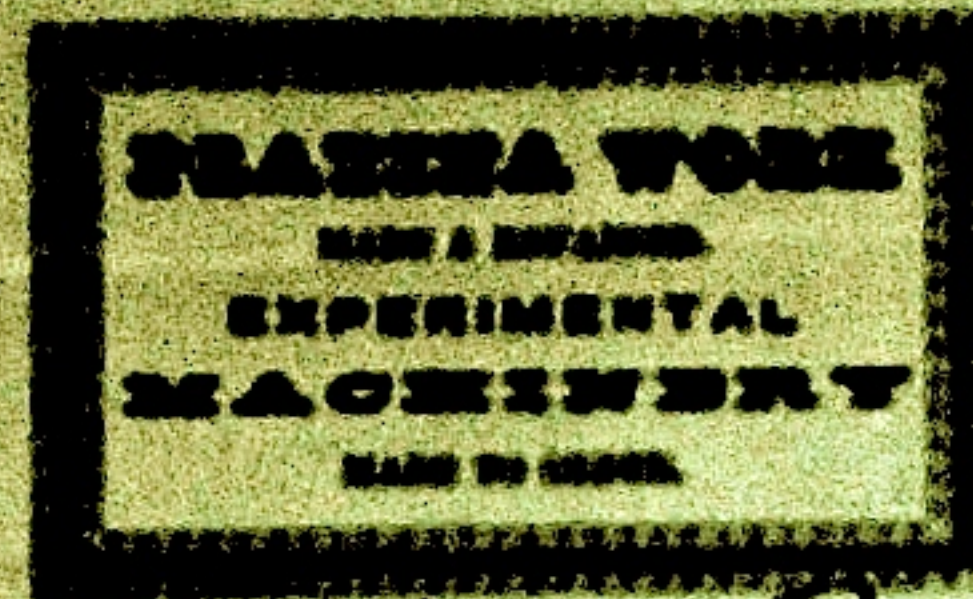
Your obed. Servt.

Geo. F. Denning

for Capt.

Hon. J. R. Newton, }
Director of the Mint, }
Philad^a. }

Philadelphia Aug 19 1886



M The California
Branch Mint
U. J. BISHOP & Co.
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
No. 8 FEAR STREET.

To 1 Platina Dish Spoon and
Crucible 3310 & 24
Received Payment
L. Bishop

\$82.75

West of the United States.

Philadelphia, January 15, 1856

Sir,

As a compliment made of furnishing you
with the information requested in your favor of
the 11th inst. I enclose communications ^{which explain} ~~from~~ ^{from} the principal acid ^{manufacturers} ~~establishments~~
in this city stating the terms ^{on which} they would
be willing to supply you with
acetic acid of the usual strength
and quality. Not knowing what the cost
of transportation ^{from the West} would be, I am
unable to say ^{what the cost of the} ~~whether~~ acid delivered on
board ^{at 75/100 per} ~~cost~~ ^{of the acid} ~~when it is~~
~~sent~~ ^{of the acid} ~~is added~~. This information
I suppose you can ^{be} more readily ascertain at
New York at N.Y. than here, especially
as the expense of receiving the acid from
on its arrival & carting to you office would
have to be for some time.

January 18. 6.

Sir,

As a convenient mode of furnishing the information requested in your favor of the 11th inst I enclose for your examination communications I have received from the principal acid manufacturers in this city stating the terms on which they would undertake to supply your office with party acid of the usual strength and quality. Not knowing what the cost prob. for transportation from here to N.Y. would be, I am unable to say what the acid delivered on board here at 75¢ per lb. would cost when the expense of shipment is added. This information I suppose can be more readily ascertained in your city than here, especially at the expense of receiving the acid on its arrival, and cartage to your office must have to be borne there.

Obliged respectfully, Yours &c &c.

James R. Brown.

10 North 14 Street

Saml. J. B. Smith Esq.
Superd. Assay Office
N.Y.

Bank of Marion.

Marion, Ohio 11th Aug 1856

W. H. Burdett

1111th Locust

Dear Sir

Please inform me what amount
your packages of Copper Coin are, also whether
you take Draft at New York for the same
also the Express charges to the place

Yours W. H. Burdett
Philadelphia

Respectfully yours
J. S. Selt

We sell copper coin in bags of \$1000. each, and will accept drafts on
New York for the same. The express charges to Marion are not known, but the draft
delivers the bags to the purchaser at its own cost for freight

January 21, 6.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of the 18th inst
I have to state ^{that} we will accept of your coin in bags of 100
each, and will accept drafts on New York for
the same. The express charges to your place are
not known, but the Mint delivers the bags to the
purchaser at its own cost for freight.

I am very respectfully,

Yours, R. A. Johnson.
Director U.S. Mint.

J. Ault Esq.
Bank of Marion,
Marion Ohio.

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,
MORSE LINE,

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern & Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraphs.

TO THE TELEGRAPHIC PUBLIC.

There are several other lines of telegraph in the United States, but none so extensive as this. It is the only one that connects the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, and the only one that connects the United States with Europe.

OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA, No. 28 Chestnut Street, two doors above Third.

Office in NEW YORK: No. 3 Nassau Street, and Irving Street, Broadway.
Office in WASHINGTON: Messrs. Smith's Building, corner of Third and Market Streets.
Office in BALTIMORE: New Iron Building, corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
Office in WASHINGTON: National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH

From *Laurelton* Jan 8 1856

Rec'd. Phila. Jan 8 1856 12 9 min. P.

To *Carl Sturges*

U.S. Mint

We will forward *Planchets*
by Express today.

7/50 Crocker Bros & Co
Wm

Treasury of the United States.

Jan 18 1855.

To

Enclosed you will receive Treasury Draft
payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying receipt, and
return it to this office by the first mail, and cause the draft to be presented for
payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

James R. Snowden Esq.

No 9330 \$850

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, accepts it, should
write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to write
his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement
by a man should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence
of the substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.

Customs House, New York

~~January 1864~~

Sir,

Please find enclosed duplicate receipt for
amount of silver forwarded from the mint, per
Adams & Co. Express. I have not had an oppor-
tunity of ascertaining the amount, but send you
receipt for \$20,000 predicated on the faith of the
stamp of the mint of \$1,000 on each of the four
bags.

Very respectfully

Samuel Adams

T. T. Morgan & Co.

Samuel Adams Esq.

Treasurer of Mint

Philadelphia

Custom House, New York

Successor's Office

July 11th Aug 1854

Received from Capt. Sturgeon
of Insurrection of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Jan. 1854, containing
Twenty thousand Dollars in Silver
\$20,000

T. Langer, Secretary

RECEIVED
JUL 11 1854

No. /

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF THE CUSTOMS,
AND DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF PUBLIC MONIES.

Richmond, Virginia, January 17th 1864.

I certify, that *Daniel Sturgeon* *East U.S. Mint Philadelphia*

County, in the State of Virginia, has this day deposited in this

Office, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, *Forty thousand*

dollars and cents,

stated to be on account of

for which I have signed ^{*duplicate*} receipts.

\$10,000

John Synch,
Sup.

No. /

OFFICE OF THE COLLECTOR OF THE CUSTOMS,

for which I have signed ^{*duplicate*} receipts.

\$10,000

John Synch,

Office, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, *Forty thousand*

dollars and cents,

stated to be on account of

Watbury Jan 17/1866
James R. Spaulding Esq.
Dr. Sir

Will
you please oblige us by in-
forming us by return of mail
when we may expect the MSS
for the Conn. State Ag. Society
Ordered something similar. It
is some months since the
Fair & payers requested our
very impatient. If it will
not be convenient for you to
canvass them to be done in any
disturb. You will confer a favor
by forwarding ^{the MSS} them to our
address in New York. & we will
endeavor to find some one to get
them up for us there.

Yours
L.H.C.

Samuel R. Spaulding
President
Watbury Conn

June 18 61

In reply to your letter of
July 1st I am to state that
the present business matters for
the Commission are such that
it is impossible to send you
the report you wish for the present
time. The only thing that can be
done is to let the delay in getting
them here seem as long as possible
by the work on the affairs of the
Commission.

I repeat the delay. My only
hope is that the Commission will
be able to get the report
as soon as possible.

Very Respectfully,
Gen. A. A. Phelps,
New York City.
Wm. Brewster, Esq.
Cincinnati, Ohio.

Philadelphia 17. Jan. 1856

United States Branch Mint, San Francisco,

To United States Mint, Dr

1855

Nov. 10. To twenty casks spelter shipped per
Clipper Isaac Jones 22,084 lbs. @ $7\frac{1}{2}$ cts. \$1656.30

Correct

Jas B. Keith

m & R. U. S. M.

Received Payment
David Hungen
Treas.
U. S. M.

in the ordinary course of things, to prevent certain portions of these
metals from getting into the mint. But in addition to this, it is
generally believed that there are many gold dust dealers, who make
a regular business of adulterating gold with these metals, either in
a native state, in quantities too small to be readily detected by
the eye; or galvanized, in imitation of gold, in much larger por-
tions. With the exception of a few districts, more or less
mineral, which have been, from time to time, reported by the Assayer,
when the existence of these metals has been very apparent, they have
been uniformly charged to the Miller & Refiner as so much gold.
It would appear therefore, to be but just to credit him in the ac-
count of his gold, with the amount of these metals in his possession,
and such has accordingly been done. But being credited as so
much bullion returned in settlement, they do not come under the
head of wastage, allowed him in that settlement; though they may
be of entirely and purposely a dead loss to the Mint. It appears
from the recent settlement, by the Assayer's reports, that the M.
& Refiner had in his possession some six hundred and sixty four
ounces of this Indian metal, to say nothing of some 2500 or 3000
more, supposed to be contained in the bars returned in settlement
in May last, and which is also exclusive of the metal contained in
the ~~mint~~ ^{mint} ~~mint~~ ^{mint}. There cannot therefore be far from 9000
ounces of these metals, standing upon our books as so much gold.
It is evident that this state of facts should not exist, but the
subject is so fraught with difficulties, in whatever sense we consider
it, that it appears almost impossible to devise any remedy, to the
practical application of which, there is not some serious, if not fatal
objection. The plan adopted at present, of having deductions repaid
by the Assayer, when these metals are found to exist, is more or
less speculative, and furnishes only the uncertain data of mere
conjecture; for even supposing these metals to be equally diffused

through the deposits, which however is never the case; it is
well known, that their proportions cannot be determined by
the process of assaying, and we can therefore at best, make
but an approximate estimate, and may thus be importing &
exporting, without protecting the Mint.

To adopt the plan of throwing off a uniform percentage
on weighing deposits after melting, would be equally incorrect, as
the depositors of good gold, would be thus paying for the bad,
and to attempt to throw off a percentage only, from such deposits
as might be found to contain these metals, would be altogether
too uncertain to be of any practical use.

The plan which has been suggested of separating these metals
from the deposits, in which they may be found to exist, apart from
the bullion, is impracticable, from a want of the means necessary for
that purpose, some also otherwise objectionable. This separation could
be effected by the ordinary process of refining by amalgamation, and
the peculiar process by which it is accomplished, provided we were
prepared for it, being any tedious in its operation, would cause
much delay and confusion in our work, and by preventing us
from closing each stage of our fabrication almost, would deprive
us of an important means of expediting our work, and we present.

Having thus drawn your attention to this matter, in my
early and extended correspondence, I submit the matter to your consideration, and the hope
that some more satisfactory plan may be devised for obviating
the difficulty, than has hitherto been adopted.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servant
J. D. Edg.

Very respectfully,
Yours Obedt Servant
J. D. Edg.

Col Jas Richardson
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Brooklyn Ed. 15 Aug 58

Sir -

Your favor of yesterday has been duly
received for which please receive my thanks - I have
by forward receipt for 97 Cast. & bills for same. You
will remember that prior to sending them I obtained
your consent to send it at the strength changed
for, and you will see from what my agent says
at foot of receipt that the acid is full so ~~as to~~ ^{as to} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~standard~~ ^{standard} & all right so that I suppose the objection
as to quality is entirely removed - and that the branch
will not be compelled to stop for want of it - I
have been drawn on now for \$2500 - \$2200 -
of which I have already paid \$600 - I shall like
to have to pay to day or to morrow hence my anxiety
to receive the amount of my bills & to which I beg
your kind assistance -

I am

Very respectfully Yours
Albion Hall Stinson

January 7. 6

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 7th inst.

The draft which I advised you of having requested from the Department was received this morning. I am therefore prepared to pay for the coins received at the Branch Mint San Francisco from you. Be pleased to present duplicate bills for the same, and include the amount received by different receipts in one account.

Under all the circumstances I cannot suggest the propriety of your coming over to receive payment for the coins in question.

I am very respectfully,

Yours Respectfully,

Leviathan Holt

W. H. Holt

William H. Holt

Rec'd of Department for gold & silver coins & bills
and sent the bills to the Treasury
and have been paid by the Treasury

United States Branch Mint.

San Francisco Dec 19th 1855

Recd from A. M. Whitmore Esq. agent for
M. Halbfleisch, Ninety seven (97) Stone
Carboys packing acid containing Eleven
thousand one hundred and ninety two
pounds (11,192^{lb}). The above were received
for ship 'Jamestown' and reported to be
Ten per cent stronger than standard stren-
-gth.

97 Carboys Cont 11,192^{lb}
for 'Jamestown'

Holl.
Supt.

M Halbfleisch

Please find rec^d for 97 Carboys (Stone)
of acids for Jamestown. Three were broken and
have sent in a bill to the ship for the same. It
has not yet been allowed but I trust it will
since rec^d of above I have been told that the acid
for Jamestown is full 10 per cent above standard &
all right, I have drawn on you by this mail for \$100.00

six hundred dollars to order of Philip D. Southworth
for Freight and Commission &c, will send off
by next mail, the Stone Carboys I think the Gov^t
will have to take them and pay the cost, as
they are storing all the acid and cannot
empty them, will probably not use the acid in a
twelve months, also I think the manufactory would
like the large ones to use at the works, if not the small

Treasury of the United States,

Jan 15. 1856.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive *Treasury Draft*
payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying
receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the
draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. Ross Snowden Esq.

1098.

6.500

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to **ATTIX** his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a **MARK** should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.

Treasury Department
Jan 12. 1856.

Sir

I have received yours
of the 5th instant enclosing the Report of the
Superintendent of the A. S. Office at N. York
showing the result of the annual French examination
made by him at that institution on the 31st section
and thank you to instruct the Superintendent to
cause the examinations in future to be made
after the close of business hours so that it include
the funds of the A. S. Treasurer as well as of the
Branch Banks.

I am very Resp^l.
James M. McKim
Sec of the Treasury

J. P. Brown
Director of A. S.
Philad^a.

Treasury Department

First Auditors Office

January 14th 1856

Messrs. David Sturgeson
Treasurers U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have to acknowledge
the receipt of your Copper Coinage account
for the 4th Quarter 1855.

Very Respectfully
your obt. servt.

L. A. Smith
Auditor

Mint Abol.

Phil Jan 14, 1856.

Dear Sir,

I regret to say that the coal you
have been furnishing for the use of the
mint has not satisfied me. I have therefore
requested that the coal you may hereafter
send to the mint may be of the kind
and quality stipulated in your contract.

Yours of 21st. Dec.

H. R. Linderman
Director Mint

Wm. Thom Esq
Phil.

I have to request that you will state
inform me at what price you will undertake
to supply the ~~Assay~~ Assay Office at N.Y. with
parting and of the usual strength.
I am &c

Linnig & Co.
Rues & Mighman
Mrs Phillips
& Co

Director.

H. J. Hill

January 12. 6.

Sir

Your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing
draft for \$100, and requesting that amount
to be forwarded to you in cents, has been here
received. In reply, I have to state, that we have
not that amount on hand at present. Our coin-
ing operations which have been suspended for some months,
in consequence of extensive repairs to the Mint building
being made, will be resumed in a few days, and
I hope to be able to forward you the above amount
in cents in the course of ten days.

Very respectfully,

Sam. Rip. Snowden.

Director of the Mint

B. H. Armstrong Esq
2^d Mo. a Y
St. Louis

Philad Jan'y 11th 1856

Jas. Ross Snowden Esq
Manager of U. S. Mint Philad

Please
Let Messrs Conrad Bard & Son have
seven silver medals and three bronze
medals of the Penna State Agricultural
Society, and oblige yours &c

Robt C Walling
Secy
Penna State Agri. Society

P.S. I find that there are a few
more medals wanted than were struck
off for the amount of money deposited
in the Mint by the Society; if you
will have the goodness to order three
additional medals struck off as soon
as possible the necessary amount of money
will be ordered to be deposited in your
hands at our next meeting

Very truly yours &c
Robt C Walling

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the paper.]

L. R. S.

Dear Sir,

I send you the above statement in reply
to your letter of the 11th inst., which was
sent on my table yesterday.

Yours Respectfully

[Signature]
James R. Thompson
Lawyer at Law
Law, &c. &c.

Wm. C. Rogers
Sec. Am. Soc. for the
Abolition of Slavery



Nos. 3 and 5 Branch Street,
Between Race and Vine Streets.

Philadelphia, Jan 11-1856
N. United States Mint

Bought of **N. & G. TAYLOR,**

IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN

Tin Plate, Copper, Sheet, Rod, and Hoop Iron, Metals, Wire, &c.

200 Crucibles No 35	# 7000	50	210.00
200 Covers		50	100.00
Catalogue 1 lb 1/2			6.00

\$ 316.00

Care

Phil^a Jan 28. 1856. Received of
James R. Anderson Esq Director, the above bill
in full

N & G Taylor

Office of the Repairs of Mint,
Philada. January 11th 1856.

Hon. Danl. Sturgeon,
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Sir,

I have the honor of send-
ing you herewith Abstracts in duplicate
of the vouchers certified on account of the
Repairs of the Mint for the fourth quarter
of last year amounting to (\$35,898.48)
Thirty five thousand eight hundred and
ninety eight ⁴⁸/₁₀₀ Dollars. (See from 30 to 107 inclos.)

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant.

Andra Talcott

Supt. of Mint Repairs

Watertown June 11th 1856

To The Director of the United States Mint Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Will You have the kindness
to inform me, what premium is allowed at your mint
for American Dollars, Half Dollars, & Quarters of
the Old Coinage.

By complying with the above you will oblige

Yours respectfully

Asa Loring Sherman

Ref.
Will You have the kindness to send me a list of Coins
~~with~~ the premium paid ^{station}

June 14, 1856. Ans by Circular

Department of the Interior
January 9th 1856.

Sir, I acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 8th inst. enclosing Certificate
of deposit for \$3,350.,

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.
W. M. McKim
Secretary

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia. } }

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
January 9th 1856

Daniel Strong Esq
Treasurer, United States Mint Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.
Sir

Your account to render the
Mint at Philadelphia, for the quarter ending
30th September 1855, has been adjusted at the Treasury, and
a balance found due to the United States of thirteen
thousand, one hundred ninety two dollars and twenty
nine cents, (\$13,192.29) which agrees with your account.

Most Sincerely
Yours,
Elisha Whittelsey -
Comptroller.

Brooklyn E. 810 Aug 58

Dr. H. R. Dickinson
U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Your favour of 7th Inst. came
duly to hand - I have since heard of the death
of Col. Jordan's mother & as it may be uncer-
tain on what day he may be back to your city
I have to request of you to call the attention
of the Col. to my matters ^{on his arrival} - it is really too
bad that I should be kept out of my money
so long - can you not arrange it for me?
Col. Jordan told me when the contract
was made that he presumed the money would
be paid here - my agent in Cal.^o drew on me
for about \$2000 ^{for freight &c} which I have been obliged

to pay not dreaming that I should have
any trouble after having receipts from
the Superintendent for the acid - as it
is if I am kept much longer out of it
it may put me to serious inconvenience

Hoping you will have the kind
help to attend to it at your earliest
convenience -

I remain

Very respectfully
Martin Kalbfleisch
Williamsburg Bt office

Col Snowden

Sir

New York Jan. 9th 1856

The undersigned Executor
of the late G. Wright is desirous to dispose
of the Dies of a Medal representing the sign-
ing of the Declaration of Independence
after the celebrated Picture by Col Turnbull

They are executed in Mr Wright best
style and are regarded by the best judges
as his ablest effort. He devoted the two
last years of his life principally to their
completion and intended had he lived to
offer them to the Government. There have
been but few impressions struck from them
as I am informed. Duplicate copies
of which are submitted for your exam-
ination.

This Medal like the Picture is cal-
culated to perpetuate a patriotic remembrance
of the great event which gave us a Na-
tional existence, and of the great and
good men to whose devotion and sacri-
fices we owe so much - should I think
be the property of the Country.

Mr Wright was an American descended

from a revolutionary family and was him-
self a soldier in the War of 1812 & 15 & served
under Genl. Scott in the Northern Campaigns.

Be so kind as to examine the MSS.
& let me know your opinions of them and
whether you think the Government will be
likely to buy them or the dies.

It is proper to say that they have never been
offered for sale to any other party.

I am very Resp^t Yours &c

James C. Stonewall
131 Fulton St.
New York

Jan. 14th 6.

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 9th inst. was handed to me
y-day by Mr Reynolds to whom you had entrusted it.

I am fully of opinion that it is proper that
the government should purchase the Dies of the Medal
representing the declaration of Independence, executed
by the late Mr. C. C. Wright. It is a beautiful
work and represents the most important event
in the history of our Country. The House. Mass. of
Washington - is well chosen & well executed. The
second House. Landing of Columbus, with a Chronologi-
cal Statement of important American events up to
the assault on Quebec in 1775 - is in good taste.

Preliminary to any representations which I may
make to the government at Washington in relation
to the purchase of these Dies I have to request you
to name the price which in your opinion it would be
reasonable for the government to pay for them.

James B. Hawley Esq,
Agent of C. C. Wright Esq.
No. 11. Tremont St.
Mass.

(Signed) L. R. Smith

from
copy a
under
P. 12
to the
library
J. B.

U. S. Assay Office,

New York, Jan. 9, 1856.

Sir,

I have enclosed a statement of the business of this Office for the month of December.

I learn that the amount of Gold Bars stamped in November was \$2,433,699.97, instead of 2,433,743.90 as stated in my report. The amount was incorrectly reported to me in the Revenue Office.

Very respectfully,

Yours at service,

Saml J. Butterworth

Suplt

Mrs. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Treasury Department
Jan 9. 1856.

Sir

Application has been made
in behalf of certain Citizens of Boston to have
struck at the Mint a Medal which is
proposed to present to Com. Perry.

If you see no objection you are authorized
to cause the Medal to be struck on the
usual conditions.

I am very Resp^t
Yours Truly
Sec^y of the Treasury

J. R. Browden
Director of Mints.

Philad January 1st 1856
U.S. Branch Mint California
1855
August 20th to L. & J. Stiff Austin Lod \$6.00
Rec. Payment
Geo W. Metz & Co.

U.S.

Branch Mint California

Josephine
Mint

R. M. Norton
President

Racine County Bank.

Geo. E. Northrop
Cashier

Racine, Wis. January 8th 1856.

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director

Your favor of the 28th
ult. received.

If you can send in, say
2 or 3 weeks, the silver coin as
designated by me, we would like it.
as we are out of 3 ct. pieces.
If not send such as you have
in say 25 ct., 10 ct. & 5 ct.
we don't care for 50 ct. pieces.

Respectfully Yours

To: Philadelphia

Geo. E. Northrop

January 7, 1861

Sir,

On the 31st ult. I addressed a communication to the Treasury Department on the subject of the article furnished by you for the French Minister, Sir Francis and suggested that you should be paid for the same at the price stipulated in the contract under which it was furnished. I have now the pleasure of stating, that I have this morning received a reply from the Sec. of the Treasury to the same, authorizing payment for the article in question without any deduction from the price agreed upon.

I am, very respectfully,
H. V. Linderman
for Director the Mint.

Mr. R. L. Smith Esq
Brooklyn

N.Y. P.S. The Director is absent from the City on account of the serious illness of his Mother (Mrs. T. A.). I am, it is proper to

would that he is of opinion that the audit in
question should be paid for at that Branch
Mineral from the earnings of the same, that
is to say from the deductions from deposits for
planting &c. I may also add, that the appropriation
for incidental Contingent Expenses for that Branch
for the present year, is exhausted, and therefore
~~if any more were made here, it would~~
lead to a "consuming lamp" possibly a difficulty
in the adjustment of the accounts. It might be
well under all the circumstances for you to come
over when the Director on his return, say towards
the last of the present week.

H. R. L.

Treasury of the States
January 7. 1856.

Daniel Sturgeon, Esq.
Agent Treas. Philad^a.
Sir,

I beg leave to return your
two last statements of Bullion account
for correction. Perhaps it will be better
to substitute one covering the entire fourth
quarter of last year.

Very respectfully

Sam^l Casey
Esq.

Laurelton Jan 25. 1836.

Wm. D. Sturgeon.

Trus: W. Sturges.

Sir.

We are
pained with your letter
of the 3rd inst. - covering
check on New York, for
\$263¹² being amount
of balance due us -

We shall give attention
to the quality of the planks
as named in your letter -

Yours
Respectfully
Geo. B. D. Sturges

January 8, 1886.

Sir,
I enclose a report of the Superintendent of the
U.S. Assay Office at N.Y. exhibiting the results
of the usual monthly examination made by him at
that institution on the 31st ult. and inviting the
attention of the Department to certain defects among
monies tending to invalidate the accuracy of the
monthly examinations. The circumstances stated
by the Superintendent are respectfully referred to your
consideration. I deem it proper to remark that in order
to fully attain the object of these examinations, they
should be made after the close of business for the day,
and the striking of the balances on the Treasury
books of account. I may add that such is the
practice at this institution.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Your faithful servant,

H. R. Linderman
for Director U.S. Mint.

James Guthrie

Chief of the Treasury
Washington City

The Director is absent from
the City and consequently the
acting Superintendent of the Mint is
J. H. B.

Department of the Interior
City of Washington 2^d January 1856.

Sir
By mail of this day I transmitted to you one hundred and thirty four coupons
Tennessee 5 per cent Bonds amounting to \$2,550 as per abstract enclosed to you in
my letter of 2nd July last.

Please collect the same and deposit the amount thereof for me in the credit of
the Treasurer of the United States as interest on bonds held in trust by this
Department for the benefit of the Indians.

Very respectfully
your ob^t serv^t

Wm. C. Calkins
Secretary

Esq. of James Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Pennsylvania

Register 9163.

No. 479

OFFICE of the ASSISTANT TREASURER of the UNITED STATES,

Philadelphia, January 5 1856.

I Certify

That *Wm. C. Culland* has this day deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, *Thirty three hundred & fifty* Dollars on account of *Interest in Stocks held in trust for the benefit of the Indians* for which I have signed duplicate receipts

David Sturgeon

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

\$ 3,350

January 5th

6

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 4th inst.
and also the 104 coupons referred to in the same.

In compliance with your request I have
entered the above coupons, and deposited the proceeds
\$10,400.00 to the credit of the Treasurer of the U.S.
and transmit herewith the receipt of the Assistant
Treasurer W. S. Thompson.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your obedient servant,

A. C. Linderman

for Director U.S. Mint.

Hon R. M. Ellland,

Secy of the Interior,

Washington City.

United States Assay Office

New York, Jan. 4, 1856.

Sir,

In accordance with the 'Regulations', I herewith transmit through you to the Secretary of the Treasury, my report of the examination of the funds in the hands of the Treasurer of this Office on the 31st ult.

I have felt it to be my duty to call the attention of the Department to certain defective arrangements tending to invalidate the accuracy of these monthly examinations.

I shall send you my report for December in a few days, to be followed as soon as possible by a report for the year.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

Sam. F. Butterworth

Supt

Hon. J. R. Marden, }
Director of the Mint. }

Without questioning for a moment the accuracy of the monthly counts in the Treas. office, I deem it to be my duty to call your attention to two circumstances which in my opinion tend much to invalidate them.

1. The count is made during business hours, and the results, ascertained by the Count, have to be modified by the transactions of the office subsequent to the count and up to the close of business. The statement of these transactions must of course be derived from the ledger books. The remedy would be to have the Count made after the close of business.

2. The funds of the A. S. & of the U. S., and of the Treas. of the Army office are kept in the same room. How is it possible, without a scrutiny that would be onerous, for the examiners to be sure there is no commingling or substitution of funds. I & B.

(duplicate) Philadelphia January 3/56
Mint of United States for Branch Mint San Francisco
Bought of Walter Cresson

149 Crucibles N ^o 12. 1788 th .	71 52
27 " N ^o 50 4850 th	194 00
27 " N ^o 12 th .	24 36
30 " N ^o 50 th .	48 75
196 Dipping Potts N ^o 1 st .	89 20
6 " 1 st .	6 75
	379 58

Rec^d Payment
Walter Cresson

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Pittsburgh Jan 2^d 1856

Sir

Yours of the 28th Dec is
duly received enclosed a draft for 1 pair Collied Notes
which you want finished complete and wants to know
the cost. In reply they to state that I can make the
pair Notes right off and finish them as required for Fifty five
(55) Dollars. I think here to know R.R. I have made several
pairs for the Mint and as far as I know they have
all given satisfaction. Should these terms suit
let me know and I will make them right off -
and if you wish ~~to have them made~~ ~~as there is usually a pair~~
6 1/2 x 1 1/2 inches paper it as there is usually a pair they
have called for the Phila Mint and if not I will
get up a check to the pair as required by your order
and turn and finish them complete

Respectfully
John C. Perry

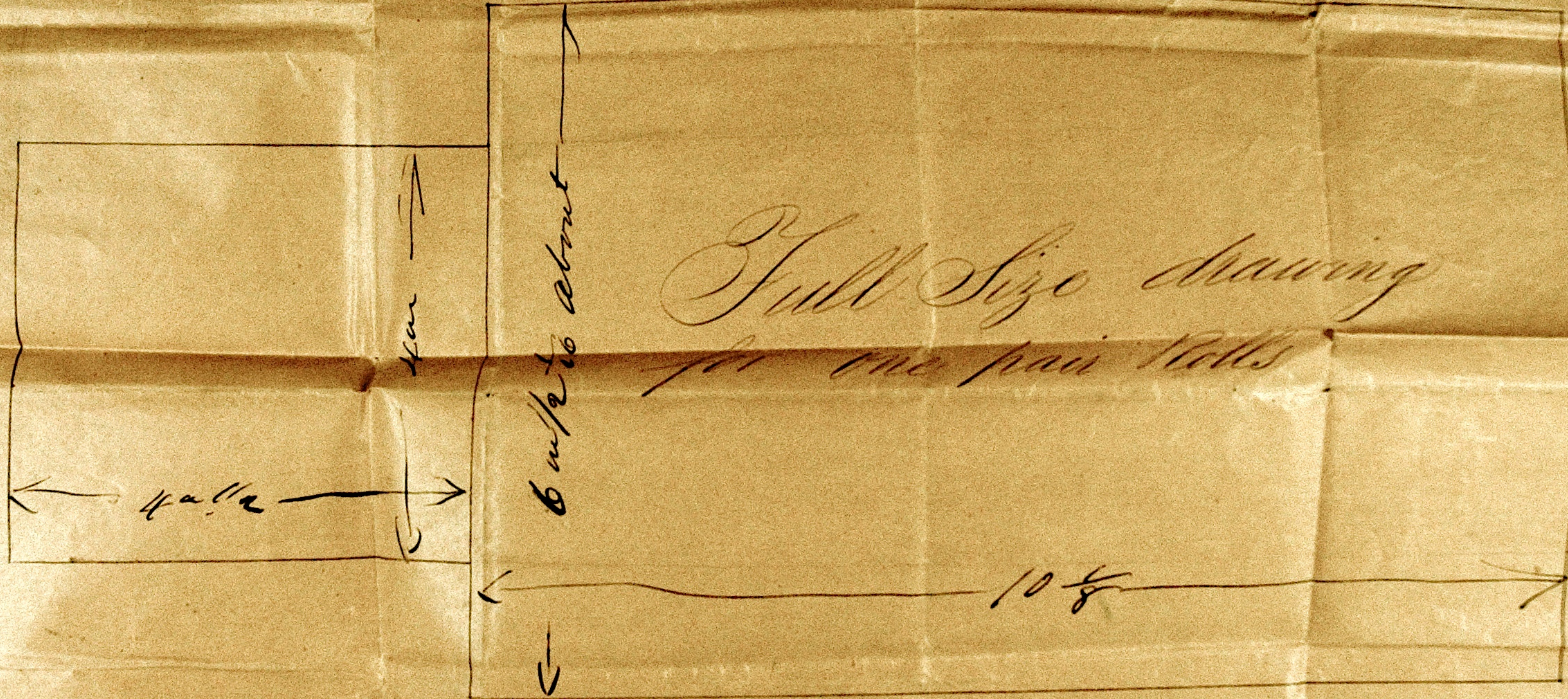
P.S. I have taken a copy of your order

Full Size Drawing
for one pair Halls

10 8

9 1/4 5/16

1 1/2



Full Size drawing
for one pair pants

9 1/2

Long 2 6.

I have to acknowledge your favor of the
20th ult. and also, for the Adams Express Company
a packet of the U.S. Statute at Large,
forwarded by you at the request of the
Secretary of the Treasury for the Mint-Store,
for which please accept my thanks.

I am, very Respectfully,
Yours obediently,

Samuel R. Johnson
Director U.S. Mint.

S. W. Thomas Esq.
Spt. Sec. of State
Washington City.

LIST OF REASONS

From
Federal Reserve Bank

Name of borrower

Post Office St. Louis
Jan 1st 1856

Col. A. R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Sir

Please send me a
key of cents for which, enclosed, you will find
drafts for the amounts.

Very Respectfully

D. H. Armstrong P. M.

January 1. 5.

Sir,

The following were the deposits at
the Mint during the month ending yesterday
viz:

Gold from my Assay office	\$2,527,624.00
" " Cal. ^a	160,267.50
" " Other Sources	14,432.50
Total Gold	\$2,702,324.00
Silver deposits, including Sil. Residue	\$65,600.00
Total Deposits	\$2,767,924.00

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,

Director U. S. Mint.

Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

U.S. MINT CORRESPONDENCE 1856/JANUARY (CONT.)

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

January 31 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of Two hundred
and twenty one thousand, seven hundred and
thirty two ^{2/100} dollars (\$ 221,732.02) in
Gold Coins, by the Adams Express Comp. which
I have placed to the Credit of your A/c.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt,

Samuel Stinson Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Clegg
Treasurer

31 Jan. 6

Sir,
I will thank you to deliver the two
packages referred to in the enclosed letter from the
Secretary of the Treasury to me, to Freeman & Co
who will forward them direct from your city to
San Francisco.

Very Respectfully,
Yours Wm. T. Hunt
Samuel R. Johnson.
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon H. J. Reelfill,
Collector of the Customs,
New York.

Depository Office
Baltimore Maryland 1856.

Sir,

I have this day assigned to the Adams Express Company
for collecting transfer drafts drawn upon you for the sum
of Twenty five thousand dollars payable in silver coin.

We have considerable demand for quarters, but for half
dollars there is much less inquiry here.

You will therefore much oblige me, if in paying
this amount you will send us chiefly in quarters, say
\$50,000 in quarters and \$5,000 in half dollars.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt.

Yours

David Stungens Esq
Receives R. L. Smith
Philadelphia

Philip F. Thomas.
Depository

Philman Jan 31/56
The U S Mint To Wmgt. Secy D
To 470 Silver bags @ \$10.00 per 100 \$47.00
Recd payd
Sgt. B. Brady

Wmgt.
Geo. H. Murray
Chas. H. Murray

Philadelphia Jan 31/56

The U S Mint

To Wmgt Leidy D

To 270 Gold bags, 1 small @ \$3.00 p 100 - \$8.10

For payt

Wmgt Leidy

Wmgt
Leidy
Clerk

Nov. 21

6.

Enclosed are transmitted to the President
of the United States, a report to the 19th Nov. of the previous month
of the operations of the United States for the year 1817.
For your information & that your committee is
copy of the report, enclosing the statement of the same and
attached to it.

I have the honor to be
Dear Sir,
Yours faithfully,
James W. Smith
Secretary of the United States.

Wm. W. Smith
Secy of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States.

A. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of U. S. Mint.
Dear Sir.

Chief Coiner, Office,
Philadelphia, Jan'y 31 1856

I beg leave to report that, on the 20th of July 1855, all coining operations were closed, and the last delivery of coin made. At that time was commenced the removal of the machinery, and storing it, which occupied from the above date to 1st of August. The portion of the building under my control was delivered into the charge of Cap^t. Talbot, Chief Engineer of Repairs, during the months of August, September, October, and November. Every attention was paid to the keeping and improving of the machinery, so as to have it ready for service immediately upon the completion of the rooms, then being repaired for its reception.

On the 17th of November last, by your special order, I commenced moving and arranging the Rolling Mill, Cutting Press, Draw Bench, and other machinery connected with the Department, in their proper station, and finished doing so before the room was completed, or ready to receive them, there being no roof on that part of the building at the time.

On the 8th inst. (January) I began placing the Coining and Milling Press in the Coining Room, and ended by the 18th. On the 19th inst. the first delivery of gold coin to the Treasurer was made, a period of six months having elapsed since operation had been suspended.

I avail myself of the opportunity

to commend the men in the various department to your
special notice, for their strict attention and industry in repairing
and replacing the numerous pieces of machinery in their respective
positions. also the Chief Engineer and his assistant for re-
pairing labor whilst the water pipes ^{connected with the engine boilers} were frozen during the present
month of cold weather.

I would respectfully suggest the immediate
filling of the vacancy in the whitening and cleaning room
occasioned by the decease of Mr. Schmitt. the work there
is heavy and laborious and requires another workman.

I should also recommend an additional
fireman in the engine room, to attend to the fires during
the night, as the heater drain all the spare steam off
that is normally reserved for use early in the morning.
This causes much delay in commencing operations in the several
departments.

Respectfully submitted by

Geo. W. Chiles
Chief Engineer U.S. Mint.



Office of the Pennsylvania

State Agricultural Society.

Buckley Mills near Hagerstown

Harrisburg, Jan. 28. 1856.

J. B. Snowden Esq

Dear Sir

Rev. C. Walker Esq Secretary of Penn. State Agric.
Society informed me he would send (17) Silver &
three (3) Bronze Medals - such as you struck for our
use - in the fall - the Committee awarded more than
had been offered by the Society - which covers product
the necessity for these - I enclose my check on the
Harrisburg Bank for thirty eight dollars the amount
which I hope will answer - I may write to Messrs C. Baird
& Son & direct them to call upon you for them - when I
learn they may be ready.

With much esteem

Your friend

G. H. Buckner

and? that they will be
struck soon, perhaps
this week. money sent
is sufficient. &c.

Jan 31. 1856.

January 21. 6.

66. I have this day forwarded to you
by the Adams Express Co. One Thousand and no hundred
dollars of draft for that amount in silver coin of
the following denominations:

\$100. in Quarters

200. in Silver

200. in Silver

\$1000.

We have not yet received any other order
for and our supply of the same having been
exhausted some time since I am unable to send
you any; our coinage operations however,
are now fully resumed, and we will in the
course of a few weeks be able to supply
you with any kind of coin you may desire.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours R. B. Johnson

Director U.S. Mint

Wm. L. Hathings Esq.
Post Office Bldg
Harrisburg, Pa.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

January 30. 1856.

Sir

I have this day forwarded
by the Adams Express Comp. as per receipt
and statement, the three boxes of Fine gold
bars, advised of in my letter of the 28th inst.

If not convenient to remit the entire
amount of Silver Dollars, for bullion trans-
mitted on the 28th inst. you will oblige me
by forwarding, as early as possible a few
thousand, or 40, as my stock is entirely ex-
hausted.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Saml Sturgis Esq
Treasr U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

J. M. J. W. W.
Treasurer

P.S. Coins have arrived, but not yet counted.

Allentown Bank,
ALLENTOWN, LEHIGH COUNTY, PA.

July 20. 1856

Daniel Hargison Jr
Treas of U.S. Mint

Sir: I have recd
per Howard's express one bag containg
\$740⁰⁰ of specie in full of the
amt. sent as per Memorandum forwarded

Very respt

Yours
O. W. Cooper
Cash

Philadelphia Jan 20th 36
W. S. Minty
Bought of J. L. Harn

Large Acid Potash Spigots	\$ 30.00
1 Extra ground Spigots	2 50
1 Packing Box	1 00
	\$ 33.50

Amount Payment
J. L. Harn

Cornet C B Hare

Boston, January 29th 1855

To the Secretary of the Philadelphia Mint

Dear Sir:

Having on hand some gold, melted and already purified, which I should like to sell
I would request you to inform me, how much a quantity you buy and what price
you pay per ounce. By doing so you will oblige very much

Yours very respectfully
Edward Wanchel, No. 90 Tremont St. Boston.

January 31. 6.

Sir

In reply to Your favor of the 24th
inst I have to state that the gold
bullion referred to by you will be received
by the Mint, and the value thereof
paid you in any denomination of
coin you may desire.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours Obedt. Servant,
Director U.S.M.

Mr Edmund Munkel,
No 40 Tremont St.
Boston.

P.S. The value is determined
by the weight and fineness of
each deposit. J.H.W.

Treas. Mint. Philadelphia

January 29 1856

Transfer dft. No. 2393 from Depositary Baltimore
for \$25.000.

New York Jan 28th 1856

Col. J. R. Snowden

Dear Sir

I have the honor
to acknowledge your favor of the 14th
inst. and should have replied to it
sooner if it had been in my power to
fix a price for the Three dies that would
be reasonable to the Government and at
the same time just toward the family
of Mr. Wright. Having no knowledge of
their value myself, except that inferred
from the time which I know Mr. Wright
devoted to their execution I have made
enquiry among such artists as I thought
could fix a fair valuation on them. En-
closed is a note in reply to mine from
Mr. F. B. Smith who is now at the
head of this branch of Art in our City
and is regarded as the successor of Mr. T.
He estimates a pair of dies at \$3000
as there are Three perhaps this sum will
be about fair for them. So in proper place
I should mention that his Estimate is con-
firmed by others to whom I have deferred for in-
formation.

You will confer an exceptional favor
by dropping a line in reply to this and
~~and~~ let me know whether you think
the price named reasonable or other-
wise. If you desire a personal in-
terview with me I will visit Phila-
delphia. It is very desirable that we
should dispose of the Dies as soon
as possible as the Estate must be
settled.

I am very Resp^t Yours

James C. Stoneall

131 Fulton St

Treasury Department.
January 28. 1856.

Sir,

The President has this day designated Dr. Franklin Baehs, Col. Claudius Crozet, Capt. A. W. Bowman, U. S. A. James M. Cornick, to meet at the Mint at Philadelphia on the 2^d Monday in February to discharge the duties required by the Mint law of January 1837.

I am Very Respectfully
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

James R. Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia Penn.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

January 28th 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 25 & 26th inst. also of Gold Coins by the Adams Express Comp. to the Amount of \$ 226,808.87 which I have posted to the Credit of your Account.

As per Receipt & statement enclosed, I have this day transmitted in the usual manner, three boxes, containing 8,813.97 Ozs gross of Fine Gold Bars, amounting in Net Value to \$ 173,500.05. for which you will please acknowledge the receipt.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedt Servt

Daniel Strongm Ely

Treas. U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Wm. J. Allen

Treasurer

P.S. On account of the severity of the weather the Express Comp. have declined receiving the Gold to day, will forward Receipt & statement tomorrow, if transmitted.

Treasury Department
Jan 28. 1856.

Sir

It is deemed by the Department expedient, that, before an arrangement be made for the supply of acids for the use of the Mint at Philad. and the assay office at N. York that sealed proposals for the supply required at the Mint & assay office, respectively be advertised for. ~~expedient~~ that the different manufacturers may enter into competition. You will therefore be pleased to advertise for the quantity at the Mint giving a reasonable time for the proposals to be handed in and to open the proposals in the presence of such bidders as may attend at the time fixed and to send them to the Department for decision.

You will please instruct the Sup. of the assay office at N. York to adopt the same course in relation to that establishment.

J. P. Browder - Esq
Director of Mints.

I am very Respectfully &
Samuel Jackson
Secy of the Treasury.

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1851	—	No. 296	800
1852	—	368	8
1853	—	367	7 1/8
1854	—	506	7
1855	—	433	7
1856	—	303	7
1857	—		
1858	—		
1859	—		
1860	—		

No. 43.

Thirty four Fine Gold Bars transmitted
to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855,
By John F. Cisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office N.Y.

1856.

January 28. Nos. 72 @ 105: in three Boxes # 52 @ 54.

weighing $8513 \frac{105}{4} \cdot 97$ ounces & 100 gr.

17 bars # 72 @ 88: 4205.89 @ 990 $\frac{1}{2}$ f

17 " # 89 @ 105: 4308.08 @ 991 .

Gross value \$174,371.91
Deduct for Coinage. 871.86

\$173,500.05

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

January 26 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of One Hundred
& twenty thousand, Eight hundred & twenty nine,
89/100 the dollars, in Gold Coins, by the Adams
Express Comp. and have passed the same to your
Credit.

Those advised as shipped yesterday, have
not yet come to hand.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt.

Daniel Sturgis Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. May
Treasurer

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern Western & Southern Express.

Philadelphia, January 1st 1856
Received of *John J. Van Vorst*

1 *Box* said to contain
and *Gold Watch*
and *Watches*
MARKED
Anderson & Brothers
Philadelphia

To be forwarded at address: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from
fire, railroad accidents, or other navigation, or, UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight,
Insurance,
For the Proprietors, *J. A. Deane*

CHAS. PRINTER, 116 CHESTNUT ST., OVER THE EXPRESS OFFICE.

No. 42.

One hundred ninety Nine Silver
 Bars transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pur-
 suance of the Act of March 1855, by John F.
 Cisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office N.Y.

1856
 January 25. 21 Boxes #1 to 21: containing

Nos.	67. 68.	20 bars weight	ounce dec	Stand. coin.
			3792.23 @ 999 =	4209.37
	71. 72.	50	9660.32 @ 998 =	10717.59
	80. 91.			
	155.			
	140. 141. 142.	120	84205.05 @ 998 =	26929.42
	146. 148. 154.			
	156.			
			37,737.60	48,856.38

Deduct for Coinage $\frac{505}{295} = 1.68$ Gross Value \$48,705.61
 243.53

Net Value \$48,462.08

85.05 68.32
 950
 952

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

January 24. 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23^d inst., also by the Adams Express Comp. of Two Hundred thousand dollars in gold coins, on 4th of invoice of fine gold bars of Dec 10th 1855. and the same has been placed to the credit of your account.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Daniel Sturgison Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm J. May
Treasurer

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

January 25. 1856

Sir.

Your letter of the 24th inst. enclosing Assay Mem^o. for Gold Bullion. Transmitted to you on the 22nd inst. is rec^d. The shipments of Coins, advised therein, have not yet come to hand.

As for receipt and statement enclosed, I have this day forwarded to you, for Coinage. 21 boxes Cont^g 190 fine silver bars. Weighing 37,737.60 Ozs Gross. Net value \$48,462.98, for which I will thank you to remit me the Silver dollars, at your earliest convenience.

Very Respectfully

Your Oth. Sec.

Daniel Sturgis Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Allen
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

N. 42

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing

Twenty One " is " Gold Bullion,
Parcel " 37737 Co. Cys Silver "

Amounting in Net value to \$48,462.08

Only Eight Thousand, four hundred
sixty two No. Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at

Costs per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Jan 25. 1856

To Adams Express Corp. W. Z. Pennington

ARAMINGO CHEMICAL WORKS,

Philadelphia January 24th 1856.

California Branch Mint

Bought of MORO PHILLIPS,

Manufacturer of

Oil of Vitriol, Aqua Fortis, Nitric & Muriatic Acids, Copperas, Blue Vitriol, Nitrate of Lead.

4 Carboys Nitric Acid. Chemically Pure.

126. 126. 128. 134 = 514 lbs @ 26 133 64

4 Carboys

1 50 6 00

Buying Carboys Extra for Shipping 50 2 00

141 64

Phil^a Jan 25. 1856.

Received of L R Snowden Director
the above bill in full

Moro Phillips

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

January 23^d 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letters of the 21st and 22nd insts. also by the Adams Express Comp. of Five hundred and partial thousand, four hundred and seventy five ⁷⁴¹⁰⁰ the dollars, in Gold Coins, in payment of Gold Bullion transmitted to you for Coinage on the 5th Ult^o \$252,680.20 and the 7th Ult^o \$259,796.50, which amounts I have placed to the Credit of your Account.

As I shall require the Coins, now in your possession, for the further transmission of fine gold bars, I would suggest that you forward the Coins to me, in them, in small bags.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt Servt

John J. Esler
Treasurer

Daniel Strongland Esq
Treas^r W. & A. Smith
Philadelphia

United States Assay Office

New York, Jan. 23, 1856.

Sir,

Our Treasurer is of opinion that a considerable demand is likely to exist for silver dollars, and thinks that a fund of \$50,000 in dollars would not be too great. As our Melted & Refined has more fine silver than he requires in his refining operations, I propose to send to the Mint a sufficient quantity, in addition to what has been deposited for coinage, to amount to \$50,000 to be returned in dollars. I will thank you to inform me when you are likely to commence coining silver dollars, and when the above arrangement, if it meet your approval, can be consummated.

Very respectfully,

Yours obt. Servt.,

Sam. F. Butterworth

Sept

Hon. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint. }

Jan. 25th 6.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 23rd inst,
I have to state that we have furnished with the
silver you mentioned, I will cause a return to be
made in silver dollars as soon as they can
be struck. I think it probable we can
furnish them in all of next week.

Very Respectfully

Yours Obedient,

Saml R. Boardman

Director U.S. Mint.

Saml F. Butterworth Esq.
Supt. Spang office
New York.

No. 41.

Fifty seven Fine Gold Bars
transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance
of the Act of March 1855, by John F. Case,
Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, N.Y.

1856.
January 22. Nos. 5499 to 5516. 5533 to 5571. in Two Boxes
2476.34

Weighing 13,075.07 ounces @ 993/100.

13,075.07 U.S. Mint

Gross Value \$268,393.69

Deduct for comage 1,341.97

Net Value \$267,051.72

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

MORSE LINE.

NEW YORK

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern and Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraph.

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

THE COMPANY'S OFFICE IS AT NO. 90 CHESTNUT STREET, TWO DOORS ABOVE THIRD.

OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA, No. 90 Chestnut Street, two doors above Third.

Office in NEW YORK: No. 4 Nassau Street, and Irving House, Broadway.
 " WASHINGTON: Marston's Building, Corner of Third and Market Streets.
 " BALTIMORE: Sun Lane Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.
 " WASHINGTON: National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated *22nd* *Jan* 1856

Rec'd, Philad *22* 1856 *11* 15 *A*
 o'clock. min. M.

F. Daniel Sturgeon

A. J. Mint -

Please inform me if
 Mr. J. Mc Donald had
 any deposit in your
 office on fourth instant
 or if he had what
 amount or if then drawn
 or since. Mary Mc Donald
28/56 cy *34 Whitehall st*

New York Jan 22 1856
James C. Stoneall Esq
Dear Sir

In reply to
your note of yesterday, ask-
ing me the Price of a pair of
Gills, like those of the Indepen-
dence Medal Executed by
the late C. C. Wright; I would
say that \$300⁰⁰ would be
about a fair compensation for
such a Work of Art,

Very Truly Yours

J. B. Smith,

Medalist &c.

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

January 22. 1856

Sir I have this day forwarded in the usual manner, as per Receipt and statement enclosed, five boxes containing fifty seven fine gold bars, for Coinage; weighing 13.075.07 Oz gross: Net Value \$ 267.051.72.

The payment of deposits by the last steamer, will nearly exhaust the Coins in my hands. I have therefore, to request, that you will, at your earliest convenience, transmit the Coins, for the balance in your hands, on the 31 ult: viz \$ 2,527,620.46 also please inform me if you can furnish me with \$ 50,000. Silver Dollars, upon that amount of Silver Bullion, being transmitted for Coinage.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Samuel Sturgis Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

John J. Eddy
Treasurer

P.S. The Coins, advised by your letter of yesterday, are just now rec'd. too late to be counted to day, will acknowledge tomorrow

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 111 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Five Boxes containing 12,975.07 Ozs. Gold Bullion,

" " " Silver "

Parcel "

Amounting in Net value to \$267,051.72

Five Hundred and sixty seven thousand
fifty one 7/100 dollars,

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at Fifty
cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York Jan'y 22 1856.

To Adams Express Co. W. B. Lawrence

Treasury Department
First Auditors office
January 22^d 1836

Wm. Paul Surgeon
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia, Pa.
Sir

I have this day received
your ordinary expense account for the Quarter
Ending 31st December last and also your Bulletin
account for that Quarter.

Very Respectfully
Your obedient

L. Smith
Auditor

London Jan. 4th 1836.

Dear Mr. Sturgeon Esq.

Thurs. M. S. M. G.

Dear Sir -

We are
in receipt of 9 new planets, found
by Adams. I shall forward them
in a few days -

Yours
Very Resp. Y.

John C. Adams.

Jan. 27. 6.

I have to request that you will call
in relation of the President to the meeting of
opposing spirit Commission & attend the
annual day, which is to be held at the Point
on the 2nd Monday in March, next (1877) in
attendance with the 25th Congress the rest of
law. 1877.

I have to leave to be
with great respect
Yours faithfully,
James C. Buchanan
Director U.S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

January 11 6.

Dear Sir,

In accordance with the usual custom
in regard to the Annual Meeting at the time, I
beg leave to suggest the following named gentlemen
as suitable persons to be designated as Special
Commissioners to discharge the duty assigned by the
5th sect. of the present constitution.

Edw. L. Franklin Barker, Milford?
Col. Claudius Cowart, Newington
J. D. H. Miner, Wicksboro, N.H.
Samuel W. Corrick, Newington.

~~It is suggested to be put in a paper~~
letter designating the Commissioners to be sent on
day or may be convenient, as it is usual to
have before them, and furnish them with some
of the pamphlets, designed for that purpose, indicating
the usual course of taking the business of the
come stock at the time and its location.

Yours, James Fuller
Newington N.H.
Washington City.

I am, very respectfully,
and truly, your friend,
and ob. servant,
James Fuller

Jan. 29th

6.

Sir,

I beg to call your attention to my
letter of the 21st inst, in relation to the designation of
Special Commissioners for the current session, as the
Commissioners will meet on the 11th prox. it seems to me
that your early attention to the subject is desirable.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,

Yours faithfully,

James R. Schenck

Director A.S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie

Sec. of the Treasury

Washington D.C.

United States Assay Office

New York, Jan. 29, 1856.

Sir,

Several deposits of silver have recently been made at this Office, & payment demanded in standard bars. In the "instructions" communicated by you there appears to be no provision for this case, - the charge of 6cts. per \$100 gross value for fine or standard bars being supposed to relate to gold only. A charge of 8c. per oz. gross for fine silver bars is in force, but I deem it proper to call your attention to the present case, and to request you to prescribe such charge for standard silver bars as is usual at the Mint, or as you may deem proper.

We have at this Office a set of standard weights, which are used only for adjustment. Can you inform me whether they were adjusted at the Mint. I presume they were.

Very respectfully

Yours, &c. &c.

Hon. J. R. Swann, }
Director of the Mint }

Saml F. Butterworth
Asst.

June 1854

de.
I have to acknowledge your favor of the 2nd inst.

With respect to the proposed change of the
standard of measure, I have to state that the
has never been used on to make such change, &
there has not been either to them any act of change
for the same. After considering the matter I am of
opinion that the rate of change for making
such has should be 5000, for 1000 and I shall
thank you to change at that rate for all the
members of your society in all the system to
be made.

The matter proposed to me before this
was carefully argued at the time and if they
were prepared to give up of it.

Very respectfully,
James Buchanan

Saml J. Buchanan Esq
Capt. U.S. Army of 1844.

Nov. 21

Baltimore

The medals ordered by you for the Columbian State Agricultural Society, have been forwarded. I have this day handed them to the American Express Company to transmit them to your care. They are fine gold medals and forty seven in number.

The bill for preparing them is herewith enclosed (\$608.⁰⁰); a duplicate of which is forwarded to the agent of the Express Company who is authorized to receive the same.

Very Respectfully

Yours obt. servant,

James Rapin Snowden

Director U. S. Mint.

Wm. P. Thompson & Co.

Baltimore

Contract.

January 17. 6.

Sir,

On the 3rd inst. I enclosed to the Secretary of the Treasury the report of Your monthly examination for December last and called his attention to the circumstances presented by You tending to impeach the accuracy of the same. In his reply the Secy directs me to instruct You to cause said examinations in future to be made after the close of business hours and to include in the same the funds of the Asst. Treasurer of the U. States.

The letters of reports to accompany my Annual report are in course of preparation and I will thank You to forward Your report for the last year at Your earliest convenience.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

James Robt. Ingersoll

Director U. S. Mint

Sam. T. Butterworth Esqr.,

Supt. U. S. Assay Office,
N.Y.

January 19th 6.



It gives me pleasure to state that we have resumed Coinage operations at the Mint, and today a delivery of Gold Coins - double eagles - to the amount of \$116,400 was made to the Treasurer. On Monday next a further delivery, of \$329,000 in gold coins will be made.

On Monday, or Tuesday at furthest, we will commence the return of coin to circulation in payments of the loans deposited from the pay-office.

Although the Coinage has been thus resumed yet our labor under many inconveniences arising from the fact that many of the rooms are unfinished. I have had to appropriate to the female adjusters two of the rooms used by the clerks, and brought one of them into my room, and others placed in the Cabinet of the Mint. The Miller & Rejimer's

room (Prof. Booth) is used by the Treasurer for the
payment of deposits whilst the hall in the
paying room is being repaired. There, and other
inconveniences, are, however, to be stated, but are
removed as soon as the repairs are completed -
or partially removed as the repairs progress.
As to the time when the repairs will be completed
you are doubtless informed by the Superintendent,
Capt. Talcott.

I beg to add that the Coinage, both
of gold and silver, will be pushed forward
with all possible dispatch.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury, Director, U.S.
Washington City.

Samuel R. Phelps

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856/FEBRUARY

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U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 12. 1856

Sir

I have this day transmitted
by the Adams Express Company. Five boxes
cont'g 54 Fine Gold bars. Weight 13,375.68
Oz. Gross. Amounting to \$ 273,099.68 Net.
The receipt of which please acknowledge.

Very Resp

Yours Obedt. Servt.

Daniel Strong & Co.
Trans. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. May
Treasurer

No. 49.

Fifty four Fine Gold Bars
transmitted to the U.S. Mint, in pursuance
of the Act of March 1855, by John S. Cicer,
Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, New York.

1856.

February 12. Five Boxes # 80 @ 84, containing

36 bars # 395 @ 430, ^{ounces due} 8934.15 @ 992.57
8 " # 431 @ 448, " 4441.53 @ 993.7

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13,375.68

Gross Value, \$ 274,472.00
Deduct for Coinage 1,372.36

\$ 273,099.64

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
Feb 12th 1856

Sad Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

I transmit herewith
the calculation sheets of the San Francisco Branch
Mint L^o Dr 1854 as requested in your letter
of the 9th inst.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt.

J. L. Smith
Auditor

Laurelton Feb. 12. 1836.

David Henshaw Esq.

Treas. N. S. Minb,

Sir,

We are by bill
of 3 kegs planches, forwarded to
New York yesterday by Rail Road, to
be sent thence to Phil^a. with all
possible despatch - Yours
truly

Charles B. W. J. S.

Museum Mint, Philadelphia

Febry 11/1856

Transfer of No 2412 farndlop: Chicago. Ill. — \$5.000.

No. 118.

Fifty four Fine Gold Bars transmitted
to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855,
by John F. Cisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Pay Office at

1856.

February 11. Nos. 341 to 394 in Five Boxes & 75 @ 79.

weighing 13,323.88 ounces @ 993 $\frac{1}{2}$

Gross Value \$273,501.04
Deduct for Coinage 1,367.51

\$272,133.53

13,323.91

Division Department
February 11. 1856.

Sir

I am in the receipt of yours
of the 5th in relation to the purchase of certain
Medals from the Executor of the late Mr. C. C.
Wright of N. York. - In reply I have to remark
that the Department has no funds at its command
out of which the medals could be paid for
if were thought proper to make the purchase
and it is not thought expedient at this time
to make an appropriation for such purpose
to be paid either from the Treasury or the Mint.

I am very Respectfully
Yours
J. H. Thompson Sec. of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of Mint -
Philad^a.

New York February 11th 56.

John Lamb. Sturgeon
D. U.S. Mint
Sir.

Your favor of
the 9th inst is at hand. We had
forward to day by Express. 3 Keps
Phosphates, equally trying against—
Immediately, the usual lines of
Transportation are in operation, we
shall send forward all your orders.

We are, Sir,

Very truly Yours,
Geo. K. Moore
John C. G. Crocker

The Magnetic Telegraph Company,

MORSE LINE.

BEYOND

New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

Connecting with the Southern, Western, Eastern and Northern Lines of Morse's Telegraphs.

TO THE TELEGRAPHING PUBLIC.

Please write plainly & legibly (pencil or pen) and do not forget to sign your name, and number of the party addressed, in letters (except initials) and your own address where your signature is desired for address and signature. The more fully you comply with all our instructions.

OFFICE IN PHILADELPHIA—No. 98 Chestnut Street, two doors above Third.

Office in NEW YORK.....No. 5 Hanover Street, and 141 Broadway.

" WILMINGTON.....Telegraph Building, N. E. Corner of Third and Market Sts.

" BALTIMORE.....Sun Iron Building, Corner of Baltimore and South Streets.

" WASHINGTON.....National Hotel, Pennsylvania Avenue, Corner of Sixth Street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Dated *Lauretta* *Sept 11* 1856

Rec'd, Philad'a, *Sept 11* 1856 *1 58 P* o'clock, min. M.

To *Daniel Sturgan*
W. S. Smith

I shall send by Express
today three kegs plaster
Crocker & Co.

Geo
an

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 11. 1856

Sir-

I have this day transmitted in the usual manner, as per receipt & statement, five boxes containing 54 four gold bars, weighing gross 13.323.88 Ozs. of the Net Value of \$272,133.53 the receipt of which please acknowledge.

Very Respectfully
your Obedt Servt

Daniel Strong & Co
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. W. Co
Treasurer

JOHN J. GILCO, Treasurer.

N. H. S. Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Five Boxes containing 13,323.55 Cts. Gold Bullion.

" " Silver "

Patrol "

Accounting in Note value to \$272,133.53

One hundred & seventy two thousand

and hundred & thirty three ⁵³/₁₀₀ Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at Fifty
cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Feb 11. 1856.

To Adams Express Corp. Am. Holly

Carleton Feb. 9. 1856
Jas. H. Snowden Esq

Dear Sir,

We have on hand a
small amount of old silver &c. which we
purpose sending in a few days. Before doing
so we would be pleased to know whether the
old Spanish ^{and Mexican} quarter dollar is worth a premium
we have in our possession 25 or 30 San Geronimo gold
pieces which we have taken at \$4 each. Are they
worth a premium? Is the gold coin in California
worth the face?

Yours Very Respectfully

Geo. Breunman & Co

My respects to my friends Dr. Sturgeon
and Son Williams

H. A. Sturgeon

P.S. to what date is American Gold worth a premium
and how much if any

February 14. 6.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 9th inst. relative to the Mint value of certain gold and silver coins has been received. In reply I have to state that Spanish and Mexican quarter dollars, being depreciated by wear, will on the average hold out their nominal value at the Mint, but no more. Ten guilden pieces and eight four dollars here. Of California coin there is a great variety of private issues, mostly falling only a few cents in value below the proposed value; the Mormon coins, however, are very deficient. The octagonal 100 gold pieces are of full value, except when worn; they will generally come within ten cents, perhaps, of their full value, even when worn.

For your further information respecting the purchase of silver at this institution and the general yield at the same the silver coins, I enclose you a copy of my circular of 32^d July last.

I am, very respectfully,

Samuel R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint.

Messrs R. B. Brownman & Co.
Lehigh,
Pa.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

April 9th 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 8th inst. enclosing 4c up to 31st of March 1856. and Assay Mem^o of Silver Transmitted on the 3rd inst. as also of \$27,959.73 in Silver Coins by the Adams Express Co. which amount I have placed to the Credit of your account.

Very Resp^{tly}
Yours C^tl^y

Samuel Sengston Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Wm. J. Cress
Treasury

United States Assay Office

New York, Feb. 9, 1856.

Sir,

We have occasion for a set of weights, for the use of the Assay Clerk, ranging from .05 oz. to 200. oz. May I trouble you to have them ordered & forwarded after careful adjustment at the Mint?

I am informed ^{that} a comparison of the weights of the recent remittances from this Office indicates that our weights are uniformly heavier than those of the Mint. As our weights have been recently adjusted by the standards sent from the Mint, I am led to fear that these standards may not have been accurately adjusted, especially ^{as} a comparison of them, one with another, shows discrepancies to exist. Would it not be well to return them to the Mint for readjustment?

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

Wm. J. R. Rowland,
Director of the Mint.

Sam. F. Patterson
Supt

February 14

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Sir
I have to acknowledge your favor of the
9th inst.

In view of the circumstances stated in your
letter respecting the standard weights of your office,
I think with you that it will be well to send them
to the Mint for readjustment.

As requested by you I will cause a set
of weights for the use of your Bar Clerk to be prepared,
and forwarded to you as soon as they can be got ready.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant
James R. Thompson
Assistant to the Mint

John F. B. Smith Esq.
Capt. U. S. Army
N. Y.

United States Branch Mint at California
1856
Febury 9 To 6 dozen die Boxes 75 4 50

Receivd Payment

John W. Henry

Office of the Mint Repair
February 9th 1856.

Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint
Dear Sir,

In reply to the suggestion of Mr. Patterson contained in his letter to you dated the 28th, and referred to this office with your note approving the same, I have the honor to report that in the contract for warming and ventilating the building, the rooms in the South Front were included, but it was not and is not deemed necessary that there should be any connections with the main chimney to effect it thoroughly. It was also intended to abate the nuisance in the Basement Story complained of by means of a ventilating flue.

The necessity for wash Basins and hydrants carrying warm and cold water in the several offices had not before been intimated, but there cannot in my opinion be any doubt as to the propriety of introducing them, wherever required. Orders will therefore be given for placing them in such rooms and

in such locations as you may designate.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servant,

Andrew L. Coffin

Supt. of Mint Repair.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9. 1856.

Dear Sir,

I received yesterday your paper of the 6th inst. in relation to the expression of my views upon the resolution of Congress, adopted by the Senate, "Whether the smaller Spanish coins may not be removed from circulation, or have a value established by law to accord with their intrinsic value and to avoid fractional parts of a cent."

I have heretofore given this subject a careful attention, and as a convenient mode of presenting my views of the importance and expediency of removing the small Spanish coins from circulation, I inclose a copy of a letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury on the 9th of November 1853. It is as follows: "My attention for some months past has been called to the fact that one of the greatest hindrances to our furnishing the country with a wholesome and abundant silver currency of our own stamp is the existence of a large quantity of worn-out Spanish coin which are worth much less than their current value. Some data obtained by a gentleman better a few years ago, it was ascertained that the amount of Spanish coin in circulation in the United States was about five millions of dollars. I estimate the amount of

I think it would be a good idea to
have a larger price for these coins
than is paid for larger coin and other bullion. In
connection with an increase of price it would be
a great service if we had the aid of the Post
Office Department, either through its local or through
the agency of the Post Masters of the principal
cities. It is only a few years since that these
coins were taken at the City Post Office by fixed
regulations at 23, 11, and 5 cents respectively,
and it was only the scarcity of our new silver
change that restored them to their original nominal
value. If they were discounted to the
amounts above stated, and an offer made to
pay 123 or 124 cents for ounces for them, we
should have a fair prospect of meeting the
community with a depreciated and then almost
currency, which would be supplied by our own
quarters, dimes, and half-dimes - now rapidly
issuing from the mints. If you sanction the
plan for these fractional parts of a dollar, I
will make further investigations and ascertain
whether we can go as high as 124 cents for
ounce, which leaves only a margin of one cent
for ounce to cover the expense of coinage. &c.

then these coins were in circulation at about that
sum. For the purpose of bringing this miserable
circulation currency to the melting-pot, I recommend
that a larger price be paid for these coins
than is paid for larger coin and other bullion. In
connection with an increase of price it would be
a great service if we had the aid of the Post
Office Department, either through its local or through
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for ounce to cover the expense of coinage. &c.

as the object in view is to accomplish a great benefit
hence it may well be considered whether we may
not go very nearly to the margin where the New
Spain coin will permit.

In this letter the Secretary of the Treasury, the
next day, replied by stating that he thought primarily
of the propriety to adopt some measures for
answering the small Spanish dollar coin
now, but that, in his opinion, it would not be judicious
to do so at this time, nor until we can supply it
with our own.

As we have now issued ~~amounts of~~
the paper of the Act of March 3, 1800, the statute
which no longer exists, although at that time
of some force.

The supply of the New Spain coin is
now large and our means of increasing it
to any reasonable extent unlimited. So that
the only question which now presents itself
is as to the mode of conducting
in a judicious manner.

I would respectfully suggest the
following measures as a means of accomplishing
the object in view:

1. That a law be passed declaring the value
of the Spanish quarter, eighth, and sixteenth of a
dollar to be 20 cents, 10 cents, and 5 cents respectively.

and he remits at that rate only at the Treasury,
of the United States, and at the different Post Offices.
That when received they should not be paid out again
but be transmitted to the Mint for Coinage. The
gain or loss on the Coinage to be charged and
credited, as the case may be, to the Treasury of the
United States, or the Post Office Department.

The manner of keeping these accounts, and the
transmission of the Coin and such other details as may
be required may be regulated by the Secretary of the
Mint with the approbation of the Secretary of the
Treasury.

2. That the price paid at the Mint for ounces
of gold may at the discretion of the officers above
named be placed at a higher rate than for
other silver purchased under the act of March
3, 1803.

3. That a new coin be authorized, either by a
deduction in the weight of the present coin,
or be composed of such metals as may be deemed
proper, and the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury
may hereafter be made and be approved by the
proclamation of the President of the United
States, as was done in 1796 by President

Washington under an act of Congress.

The Acts that authorized to be struck out under the same legislation, as are now provided for the present cent, and in addition thereto that the Spanish coin before mentioned will be received at their nominal value in exchange for the new cent coinage. The Acts before referred to be exchanged in like manner for the new cent. The half-cent to be discontinued as well as the unnecessary.

The proposition to change the present cent is important in this connection because in consequence of the advance in the price of silver the small coin would at their nominal value without a considerable loss to the Government - hence the necessity of reducing the intrinsic value of the present cent. This would however, for other and obvious reasons, be advantageous as it would relieve the Community from the present abundance and inconvenient bulk and supply of the present cent.

In a communication attached to my annual report for the year 1869, page 10, I present a project for a law relating to the coinage of cents with some remarks upon the subject, to which

Handwritten text on a separate piece of paper, partially obscured and written diagonally.

I beg to inform you. But I am not now satisfied
that the alloy therein recommended is the best for
the purpose in view. Since that time for this expe-
riment has been made and I incline to the
opinion that the introduction of an alloy of nickel
may be advantageously made. I would prefer
that the alloy and weight thereof be kept
optimal in the manner hereinbefore stated; espe-
cially as further experiments are now in progress
and which were interrupted by the dis-
condition of the Mint during the repairs recently
being made but now nearly completed. The
adaptation of the new metal aluminium to this
object is also under consideration and the
relation to it;

No other action can be made to the
Treasury and recommended for after all, the
most circulating because of the stamp of the
Government upon it, and not because it
has any special or known intrinsic value.

I may add that the removal of the
smaller Spanish silver coin from circulation
will, in my judgment, be most soon and
better accomplished by a compulsory than by a
compulsory process. Indeed it may be regarded
as certain that a stringent enactment forbidding
the circulation of these coins

never so generally evaded or disobeyed. The Spanish-American Coinage, thoroughly demonstrated here by long use, has taken a deep root in our petty trading; and even its vexatious practices, making halves and quarters of a cent, are patiently carried out and faithfully added up in the columns of store-books and ledgers. Strange to say, that while they are not known in Spain, and are supplanted by other issues in Spanish-America, they find their only home, with their royal effigy and coarseness, in this land of

The general voice of the people here decides them to be a nuisance, which the legislation of Congress, and the activity of the Mint, may and should abate.

If the Committee having suggested meet with your approval I can, if you desire it, prepare and transmit to you a few sentences of a bill which, if passed into a law will accomplish the object of ~~eliminating~~ ^{removing} from circulation the Spanish coins in question, and provide for a smaller and more convenient cent than the American and worthless coin which is now used.

Yours, R. M. D. Hunt
Chairman Committee of Finance
U. S. Senate.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Dear Sir,
Yours truly,
Thomas A. B. [unclear]
Secretary U. S. Mint

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

January 9. 1856

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst, enclosing
Assay Mem^o of Bullion transmitted for Coinage
on the 10th 5th & 6th insts, is rec^d. also \$243,577.02
in Gold Coins, by the Adams Express Comp. which I
have duly credited.

The necessity which now exists
for an early transfer to the U.S. Treasury of the
Five millions of dollars, temporarily placed to the
Credit of the Bullion Fund, to enable me to make
prompt payment, in Coins, to depositors, renders it
desirable that your remittances for the amount now
in your hands, should be made as rapidly as pos-
sible.

Very Resp^{tly}
Yours Obed^{tly}

Daniel Strong & Co
Treas^r W. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. F. Cutting
Treasurer

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March of the Hundred Slaves

Chicago 9 Feb. 1886.

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I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 7th inst. relative to the accounts of the California Branch of the

In regard to the items charged to your baggage for the value of deposited Stamp and Pass, I have the pleasure to present the following explanation.

A large proportion of the deposits at the California Mills are entirely comprised of the washed and refined, & the gross value therefore enormous. They are and greatly are fastened on refined.

When spirits of this kind are raised, the dangerous spirit, as in other cases, the fierceness of the good and bad are contained therein. From this spirit and the might of the lightning, the great value of the deposit, both as to gold and silver contained, is evident. With this value the tendency is always, in this case, gold & silver & silver & silver, and the deposits. & deposits & deposits.

The two series of from the agents thus made are then stamped with the values determined by the value of the assay pieces which have been clipped off) and are transformed by the Treasurer, at the stamped value, to his gold currency, the amount, which is charged with the Treasurer, for the value of silver dollars being payable for the value of the gold of silver stamped thereon respectively. They are then counted as Cash, and used in the payments of

Handwritten notes on a separate sheet of paper, partially visible at the top left of the page.

Accounts stand on such deposits for unparted or un-
expended loans.

With this explanation you will be able, I trust, to
understand the entry to which you have called my
attention, by which it appears that \$1,951,000.75 worth
of gold, and \$9137.43 worth of silver, in unparted loans,
were transferred by the Treasurer from his Treasury to his
Chicago Account, the latter being charged with the total
net value, viz. \$1,960,946.18

In regard to the other matter to which you advert,
the item of \$6,673.10, value of silver parted, a reference
to the only letter now in this office shows it to be correct, &
yet it might be agreed with the account as shown by your
additions. If you see no objection, I should be glad to have
the calculations that you have sent to me, by mail, as
an examination here may afford some clue to the what
is otherwise inexplicable.

I may add that diligence has been exercised by me in
respect to procuring, in a satisfactory form, the accounts still re-
standing of that kind. A great deal of correspondence has passed
with a view to examine the authenticity of supply the missing of
the accounts as presented. I trust in a few weeks to be able at
least to forward the accounts of the 4th quarter 1854, here back
our previous month to obtain information which has been
promised for the next statement.

Mrs. L. Smith Esq. &
Trust Auditors
Washington.

Very respectfully yours
Samuel R. Thompson
Secretary

No. of Bank

LIST OF REAL ESTATE LOANS

Form 10
FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

1	2	3
Name of borrower	Amount of loan	

by issuing from the mint. If you sanction this suggestion and authorize
me to moderate the price for these fractional parts of a dollar, I will
be better enabled to ascertain whether we can go as high

Went of the United States.
Philadelphia, Feb. 9, 1856.

Dear Sir:

I received yesterday your favor of the 6th inst. in relation to the request
of my friend upon the resolution of inquiry, adopted by the Senate
"Whether the small Spanish coins may not be removed from circulation,
which have a value established by usage to accord with their intrinsic value
and to avoid fractional parts of a cent."

I have heretofore given this subject a careful attention, and adopted
a convenient mode of presenting my views of the importance and expediency
of removing the small Spanish coins from circulation. I send a copy of
a letter I addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury on the 31st of January
last, 1855. It is as follows: "My attention for some months past had
been called to the fact that one of the greatest hindrances to our furnish-
ing the country with a wholesome and abundant silver currency
of our own stamp is the existence of a large quantity of worn, worthless
coins which are worth much less than their intrinsic value. I recently
obtained by a circular letter of five years ago, it was understood by me that
the amount of these coins in circulation in the United States
was about five millions of dollars. I estimate the amount of these
Spanish coins now in circulation at about that sum. For the purpose
of bringing this mischievous currency to the melting pot, I recommend
that a target price be runce be paid for these coins than is paid for
large coin and other bullion. In connection with an increase of price
it would be of great service if we had the aid of the Post Office de-
partment either through its head or through the agency of the Post
masters of the principal cities. It is only a few years since that these
coins were taken at the city Post Offices by fixed regulations at 10 cents
50 and 100 respectively, and it was only the scarcity of our own silver coins
that restored them to their original nominal value. If this amount
credited to the amount above stated, and an effort made to have 1856
not runce paid for them, we would have a great prospect of reducing
the currency from a depreciated and troublesome currency which
would be supplied by our own quarter, dime and half dime coins."

by issuing from the mints. If your sanction this suggestion and author-
ize me to increase the price for those fractional parts of a dollar, I will
make further investigations and ascertain whether we can go as high
as 12 cents per ounce, which leaves only a margin of one cent per
ounce to cover the expense of coinage. But as the object in view is to
accomplish a great public benefit it may well be considered whether
we may not go very nearly to the margin which the law itself seems not
to permit.

In this letter the Secretary of the Treasury the next day replies
by stating that he thought favorably of the proposition to adopt
some measure for withdrawing the small Spanish silver coin
from circulation, but that in his opinion, it would not be judicious to do so
at this time, not until we can supply its place with our own.

As we have now issued upwards of twenty (20) million dollars
of silver coins since the passage of the act of March 3, 1853, the question
whether we should create, although at that time of some force.

The supply of the new silver coin is now large and our money
according to many authorities is not wanted. It is that the only way
to withdraw the small Spanish silver coin is to the mode of reducing from cir-
culation the estimable currency.

I would respectfully suggest the following amended and
amended of accomplishing the object in view.

1. That a law be passed declaring the value of the Spanish dollar
eighty cents and a half of a dollar to be 20 cents, it must not be
received and be receivable at that rate only at the Treasury of the
United States and at the different Post Offices. That when received
this should not be paid out again, but be transmitted to the Mint for
coinage. The gain or loss on the coinage to be charged or credited, as
the case may be, to the Treasury of the United States or the Post Office
Department.

The manner of keeping the account and the transmission
of the coin and such other details as may be required may be con-
sidered by the Director of the Mint with the sanction of the Secretary
of the Treasury.

2. That the price paid on the 11th of June for the 1000th number
eighteenth century of a dollar may at the discretion of the Office
above named be raised at a higher rate than for other similar periods
under the act of March 3, 1863.

3. That a new cent be authorized either by a reduction in the weight
of the present cent, or by composition of metal, metal alloy, and of such metal
as the Director of the Mint with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury
may prescribe. Such cent to be legal tender by the proclamation of the President
of the United States, as was done in 1864 by President Lincoln under an
act of Congress.

The said new cent authorized to be paid out under the same regulations
as are now provided for the present cent and in addition, that the
present cent being mentioned will be required at their nominal value in
exchange for the new cent coinage. The said new cent to be exchanged in
the manner for the present cent. The half cent to be distributed as usual
and as necessary.

4. That the present cent be paid out at a higher rate than the
present cent, as the advance in the price of metal for the present
cent would not be exchanged for the small cent raised at that nominal
value without a considerable loss to the Government. Since the necessity
of producing the intrinsic value of the present cent. This would, however,
for other and various reasons, be advantageous as it would reduce the con-
fidence from the present as intrinsically and inconvertible cent and supply one
to the needed circulation.

5. A communication attached to my answer to a letter from the
Director dated 11th of June 1864, relating to the same subject,
with some remarks upon the subject, to which I beg to refer you. I should have
not now satisfied that the alloy chosen recommended is the best for the pur-
pose in view. Since that time further experiments have been made and
I incline to the opinion that the introduction of an alloy of metal even in
a proportion of metal. I would prefer that the alloy and weight should
be left optional in the manner herein before stated, especially as the
experiments are now in progress and it is of course impossible to predict
the condition of the metal during the experiment recently being made but

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

Treasurer's Department.

February 7. 1856.

Sir

Your letter of the 6th inst. enclosing a copy
memorandum of Gold Bullion transmitted for Coinage
on the 1st inst. is received.

I notice your remarks in regard to the dis-
crepancy in Weight, and your suggestion as to another
examination of Weights & Balances, which were ad-
justed by Mr. Snider, a few weeks since.

The attention of the Superintendent has
been called to the subject, and at present another
examination is being made.

I have placed to your
Credit \$289,123.54 in Gold Coins, at this morn-
ing, by the Adams Express Comp.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Daniel Stangen Ely
Treas. U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Clegg
Treasurer

1,951,808.⁷⁵
- 9,574.²⁵
1,960,946.¹⁸

Treasury Department
First Auditors Office
February 7th 1856

Sir: Hon. Mr. Snowden Esq,
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I will thank you to inform me how you arrive at \$1,951,808.⁷⁵ credited in Gold Bullion account and debited in Gold Coinage as "exported Stamped bars delivered for payment of deposits" and at \$9,574.²⁵ credited in Silver Bullion a/c & debited in Gold Coinage a/c as "silver contained in gold unexported bars & stamped thereon".

The amount of silver parted for the Mint as appears by adding together the several items set down as such on the Calculation sheet, amounts to ex. 6,406.²⁵ & 7,453.⁷⁵ but is debited in the account as ex. 5,735.²⁵ & 667.²⁵. Please explain this difference. There being no other obstacle in the way of the adjustment of the San Francisco Bullion account 3rd Quarter 1854 I will be glad of an early reply.

Very Respectfully
Yours Obedt. Servt.
J. L. Russell
Auditor

Boston, Dec. 4. 66

Mr. James Prof. Scudder Esq.
Dear Sir: Philadelphia

According to your favor of Jan. 31st I forward to you by Adams Express
the gold I spoke of in my last, weighing not quite 8 ounces.
You will please to examine it, and send the value of it in money or there-
by Express.

Yr. O. Receipt of Mullin
ack. that packages
will be forwarded by Express } to your obedient servt.

E. W. Washburn,
No. 90 Tremont St.
Boston

them
until the ice gives way
sufficiently to enable the
steamers to run. As soon
as they resume their tows,
which must be, we think,
before many days, we shall
forward the plumbets, with
all possible despatch.

Meanwhile we shall proceed
to make 20 kegs, as usual.
A similar quantity, for which
we will receive cash, if
you desire us to do so.

Yours
Very
Respectfully

Cloak & Co. No. 36

Samy
Crockett, Brs. & Co.
Savannah Miss

Dec 3
Dec 3/66

Savannah Feb 6 1856.

Wm. H. Stimpson.

Treas. U.S. Mint.

Sir:

We have
received your favor of the
17th inst. concerning draft on
New York for amount of
one bill of 9 Keys plates.
\$821⁰⁰.

Owing to the very
severely cold weather, and
the consequent obstruction of
navigation in the "Sound", we
have been unable to forward
the plates, which we
had ready for some weeks.

There is no way to send

BANK OF HAMBURG.

Hamburg, P. O. 6 July 1856

M^r C. Sturges

In Mass. &c

Dear Sir

I have recd.
by Express the bar, Gold, and
Coin for change for deposits
sent you on 12th ult.

I desire the Certificate
of the assay to be sent to
R. H. Loring Esq. At New York,
and not to have
the metal returned to me.

We can make no use
of bars in this section, and
have therefore to return them
to New York to dispose of
them. Under these circum-
stances, we think it would
be only proper that the Mint

should pay the expenses we
have been obliged to incur
in the pursuit of the matter
from Philadelphia here, and
then back to New York.

In reference to my
letters accompanying the
first reports made, you
will find my wishes stated.
I am

Very Respectfully,
Yours &c
J. J. Blackwelder

The expense of fare for Phil & 75
do to New York — 7.50
\$13.25

Dec 11/56

Chas

Washington, D.C.

J. J. Blackwelder

Cash

From

No. 47.

Thirty Six Fine Gold Bars
transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance of
the Act of March 1855 by John F. Cisco
Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York

1856.
February 6. Nos. 315 to 340 in three Boxes # 72674:

weighing 8878.70 ounces & 992 f.

Gross Value, \$882,070.72
Deduct for Coinage 910.35

Net Value \$881,160.37

• Given at the United States
Court, London, January 6th, 1880.

I have acknowledged the receipt of your favor of the 17th inst.
relative to the savings of Great and Little Wind of some considerable
for the payment of the Treasury's affairs. I am sorry to hear that
you are unable to comply with your duties in that respect, and to advise you
of the preparation of each court.

I trust you will please find the report of the Lyndon Institute
of the actual creditable amount of the balance in the hands of the trustees of
that institution. I beg to recommend the same expressed in due con-
sideration to your attention.

I have the honor to be

With great respect

Thurgott's Brand

Rev. Amos A. Phelps
Secretary of the Board
Washington City

Amos

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 4. 1856.

Sir
I have transmitted this day, in the
usual manner, for receipt and statement en-
closed, three boxes, containing 36 fine gold bars,
weighing gross 8,878.70 Ozs. amounting in net
value to \$ 181,160.37 the receipt of which
please acknowledge.

Very Resp^{tly}

Yours Obed^t Serv^t

Daniel Sturgis Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. F. Allen
Treasurer

No. 147. Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.
Three Boxes containing 8,878.70 Oz. Gold Bullion.
Silver "

Parcel " Amounting in Note value to \$181,149.37

One Hundred and Eighty One Thousand.

One Hundred and Eighty ^{37/100} Dollars.
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at Fifty
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, July 1, 1856

J. Adams Express Co. Wm. H. Hays

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

U. S. Army Office,

New-York, Feb. 6, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit herewith
a statement of the business
of this Office for the
month of January.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

Saml F. Butterworth

Suplt

Hon. J. R. Swanton, }
Director of the Mint. }

United States Assay Office

New York, Feb. 6, 1856.

Sir,

The Melted Refiner of this Office has in his possession about 30,000 oz. of refined gold which cannot be made into Stamped Bars because of the presence of iridium too fine to be extracted except by solution in Aqua Regia. This gold has already been melted and remelted until all the iridium separable by subsidence has been removed, and still a quantity remains sufficient to unfit it for being converted into bars which find their way immediately to foreign Mints.

I have not deemed it proper to direct the transmission of this gold to the Mint until you should have been informed of its condition. From the statements made above you will readily understand the character of this metal, and can judge whether the objections to its being made into bars are well-founded, and whether they exist to the same

went to its manufacture into coin. I will
thank you to indicate the course proper to
be taken with this gold.

In this connection I have also to ask
your instructions in regard to crediting the
Melter & Refiner with iridium as gold.

He has already accumulated about 30 oz., and
claims that this, and that contained in gold re-
turned by him to the Treasurer, should be
credited to him as gold. This claim seems
to me to be just except so far as the
fineness of deposits may have been modified
by the Assayer in consequence of the presence
of iridium. In other words the Melter & Re-
finer is entitled to credit, as gold, for all
iridium that has been charged to him as gold,
& for no more.

Very respectfully,

Yours obt. servt.,

Sam. F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint. }

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John.
Ala.

February 5. 6.

Dear Sir,
Your favor of the 6th inst. in relation to the assay of
gold containing indium, has been received. In reply I may
state that the presence of indium in coin is equally objection-
able with its existence in fine gold bars, and we have been
repeatedly subjected to the necessity of dissolving the gold in
order to free it perfectly from its troublesome companion.

As our means of refining will not be at our disposal
for some time to come, in consequence of the alterations in the
Mint building, and when these changes shall have been completed,
our facilities for refining by solution of gold will not be more
available for that purpose than the excellent arrangements in the
Assay Office. I think it far preferable that the refining of
the gold in question should be undertaken at your institution
as soon as practicable.

It is certainly proper that the Melted & Refined should
be marked as gold with the indium extracted from gold
deposits, because he has been charged with it as such.

This is the practice at the Mint, and you may there-
fore enter the Melted & Refined of the Assay Office accordingly.

I am, Sir, respectfully

Yours, etc.

Wm. D. Stephens

Chief Assayer

Saml. J. Button, with reply

Chief Assayer

Mint

Mint of the U. S. Philad.^a Feb 7th 1856
Dear Sir

Having been asked to give my opinion on the value of the medal executed by the late Mr. C. C. Wright of New York, representing on the obverse, the Declaration of Independence, with two reverses; one containing a scroll or tablet with historical inscriptions and appropriate devices; the other a head of Washington; I have, no hesitation in saying that I consider the estimate of three thousand dollars, as being within the artistic value of the work on the dies: so much so indeed that I do not think, the obverse die alone, could be undertaken at less than two thirds of that sum.

It may be proper, however, that I should remark, as I have had no opportunity of examining the dies, that this estimate of their value, is made on the supposition that they are in perfect condition, and in order for striking —

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt. &c

J. R. Snowden Esq: }
Director of the Mint } James B. Longacre

Mr. Henry Colburn
Part of J. J. Schumacher
15th Street Lane -
July 6/55 The Port J. J. Schumacher

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The U.S. Mint }
Treasury Department } Order Blank
Bot of J. J. Smith and
1 Fin Tell Book 62. 1 Pa. No 6 - 68

February 8th. 8

I submit for your consideration a pair of a correspondence between the Director of the Mint, Mr. C. C. Wright of New York, and myself in relation to the purchase for the use of the government of the Independence medal dies vacated by Mr. Wright.

It would seem appropriate that these dies should be purchased by the government. Besides the copies which may be struck from time to time for State, Societies and individuals of our Country, it might be interesting for the Department of State to have it in its power to present copies of the medal to foreign States or official persons abroad.

The price named is a reasonable one. On that point I have asked the opinion of Mr. Senguer, the engraver of the Mint, and reply is herewith presented.

I write to the Director of Mr. Wright today and state that I will present the subject to your consideration, and remark that if the Department to purchase the dies in question meets with your approbation that it will also require the sanction of Congress, that if today a formal application will have to be made for that purpose.

I have the honor to be

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Wm. James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Director.

My dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the medal proposed to be struck in honor of the late General Jackson. I am very glad to hear that you are so much interested in the subject, and I am sure that the medal will be a fitting tribute to his memory. I have already written to the Secretary of the Treasury, and I am sure that he will be very kind to give you the information you desire. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John C. Calhoun

Very respectfully,
John C. Calhoun

New York, Jan. 11th, 1846.

Enclosed.

The undersigned has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the medal representing the signing of the Declaration of Independence, after the celebrated picture by Mr. Trumbull. They are executed in Mr. Wright's best style and are regarded as his best work. He devoted the two last years of his life principally to their completion and intended to send them to the government. There have been but ten specimens of them, as I am informed, duplicates of which are submitted for examination.

This medal, like the picture, is calculated to perpetuate a faithful remembrance of the great event which gave us a national existence, and of the and good men to whose devotion and sacrifice we owe so much. I think it the property of the country.

Mr. Wright was an American, descended from a revolutionary soldier, and was himself a soldier in the war of 1812-15 and served with distinction in the Northern campaign.

We do kindle his memory the medal & let us know your opinion thereon and whether you think the government will be likely to buy the medal. It is proper to say that they have never been offered for sale to any other person.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours,
James C. Stewart
131 South St.
New York

Minist of the United States,

Philadelphia, Nov. 24th 1856.

Whit. P.

Your packet of the 5th inst. was handed to me to day by Mr. Reynolds, to whom you had entrusted it.

I am fully of opinion that it is proper that the government should purchase the deed of the medal representing the dedication of Independence executed by the late Mr. C. Wright. It is a beautiful work and reflects the most important event in the history of our country. The stone sea of Washington is well shown & well executed. The second stone is a copy of Columbus with a chronological statement of important American events up to the assault on Boston in 1776. It is in good taste.

Indemnify to any extent, and which I may make to the
government at Washington, in relation to the purchase of their land, when
to request you to name the price which in your opinion it would be rea-
sonable for the government to pay for them.

Handwritten signature: *James M. Smith*

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James C. Marshall, Esq.

Don't be afraid of the world

Handwritten signature: *Handwritten signature*

• 1862. Mar. 20. 18. 18. 18.

Col. J. Richardson

I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 10th
and should have replied to it immediately but have been so pressed to go away
for the three days that would be undesirable to be gone so long and in the same

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have just heard the family of Mr. Knight. Having no knowledge of their value
 myself except that inferred from the time which I know Mr. Knight devoted
 to that execution. I have made enquiry among such artists as I thought would
 give a fair valuation on them. Enclosed is a note in reply to mine from Mr. B.
 Smith who is now at the head of that branch of art in our City & is regarded
 as the successor of Mr. P. He estimated a pair of dies at \$3000. as there are
 three perhaps this sum would be about fair for them. It is proper that I should
 mention that his estimate is confirmed by others to whom I have referred for
 information. You will confer an additional favor by dropping a line in reply
 to this and let me know whether you think the price named reasonable or
 otherwise. If you desire a personal interview with me I will visit Philadelphia.
 It is very desirable that we should dispose of the dies as soon as
 possible as the estate must be settled.

I am, very respectfully,
 Yours,
 James C. Monroff
 181 South Street

New York, Jan. 20, 1850

James C. Monroff Esq;
 New York

In reply to your note of yesterday asking me the price
 of a pair of dies like those of the "Independence Medal" executed by the late A.C.
 Knight, I would say that \$3000. would be about a fair compensation for such a
 pair of dies.

Very truly Yours,
 A. B. Smith
 Medallist, &c.

Agent of the United States
Philadelphia, Feb. 20th, 1866

I have been so occupied with official duties at home unable to write
but reply to your letter of the 15th
I will admit the object of the purchase of the Independence is to
be a part of the country with an expectation of my friends in fact of it
by the contract and that the price named was of my estimate as
to the value of the property. I will also admit the director of the
the purchase was to make that at the day an appropriation will have to
be for that purpose.

It seems eminently appropriate that that beautiful and national monument
be owned by the government. But whether the purchase will be made
by the government remains to be seen.

When I hear from the Treasury Department I will write to you again.
Very respectfully,
James Buchanan

Wm. C. Marshall Esq.
Care of C. Wright Esq.
New York

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James Buchanan
Philadelphia

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Wm. C. Marshall Esq.
New York

Memorandum of the U.S. Philad. Feb. 6th, 1856.

Dear Sir:

Having been asked to give my opinion on the value of the Declaration of Independence, with two versions - one containing a sketch of Washington - I have no hesitation in saying that I consider the value of the work, as being, within the artistic value of the work, at least as much so indeed, that I do not think, the whole set alone could be estimated less than two thirds of that sum.

It may be proper, however, that I should remark, as I have had the opportunity of examining the work, that the estimate of their value, is a mere supposition that they are imperfect, and in order for thinking they respectfully

Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,
James D. Longacre

Wm. Broderick Esq.
Minister of the United States

No. 46.

Fifty Four Fine Gold Bars transmitted
to the U.S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March
1855, by John J. Cicer, Treasurer of the U.S. Assay
Office, New York.

1856.
February 5. Five Boxes # 67 to 71, containing

18 bars # 287 to 304	weight	ounces av	
36	# 251 to 286		
		4326.15 @ 99 1/2	
		8708.16 @ 993	

54 bars

3034.31

Gross Value. \$267,422.85
Deduct for Coinage. 1,337.11

Net Value. \$266,085.74

66
72
520

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 5. 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th inst. enclosing a pay Memo^r of Gold Bullion transmitted for Coinage on the 28th Ult^o. Also by the Adams Express Comp^y. of Twenty thousand silver dollars. and have duly credited the same.

I have transmitted to day in the usual manner. Five boxes containing Five fine gold bars weighing gross 13.0311.31 Ozs. Net Value \$ 266,085.71 the receipt of which please acknowledge.

Very Resp^{tly}
Yours Ott^l Serv^t

Daniel Sturgis Esq^r
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. Miller
Treasurer

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N. H. 1 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.
Five Bars containing 13,931 31 Ozs Gold Bullion,
" " " " Silver "
Parcel " "
Amounting in Net value to \$266,950 74
Five hundred and sixty five thousand,
and eighty five 74/100 Dollars.
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at Fifty
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.
New York, Feb. 5. 1856
J. Adams Express Comp. John Adams

United States Army Office
New York, Feb. 5, 1856.

Sir, I transmit herewith my monthly
report of the examination of the funds
of the Treasury of this Office. I
trust that with the explanations given,
I may be relieved from the duty
of counting the funds of the Army
Treasury.

Very respectfully
your obt. servt.
Saml. T. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia. }

Treasury Department
February 4. 1856

Sir:

I have to request you will cause some
hundreds of thousand dollars of gold and silver,
to be coined in denominations, suited to disbursements
at this place, in payment of the Members and
Officers of Congress, Executive Officers, and others,
namely of gold, 5/2 and 1 dollar pieces, and of
silver, 25 and ten cent pieces. And you will advise
me of the progress of such coinage in order that
the amounts may, from time to time, be transferred

Believe me, Very Respectfully

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

J. R. McDowell, Esq.
Director of the Mint.
Philadelphia
Pa.

No. 445.

Seventy two Fine Gold Bars transmitted
to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March
1855, by John S. Eisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Mint, Office, N.Y.

1856
February 4. Six Boxes # 61 to 66, containing

18 bars # 179 to 196. ^{range dec} weight 4,293.00 @ 993 $\frac{1}{2}$
54 . # 197 to 250 . 13,035.24 @ 989 $\frac{1}{2}$

17,328.24
43

50

Gross value \$ 355,564.33
Deduct for Coinage 1,777.82

Net value. . . \$ 353,786.51

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

February 11. 1866

Sir

I have this day forwarded
in the usual manner, as per receipt &
statement enclosed, five boxes containing
Twenty two fine gold bars. Weighing gross
17,328.212 Ozs. and amounting in net value to
\$ 353,786.51 the receipt of which please ac-
knowledge.

Very Respectfully
Yours Oth. Smith

Oliver Stoughton Esq
Care of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. May
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 145 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing 17,328.24 Ozs Gold Bullion,
Parcel "

Amounting in Note value to \$ 323,786.51

Three Hundred and Fifty Three Thousand &
Seven Hundred and Eighty Six Five Dollars,
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at Fifty
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, July 11 1856.
For St. Louis Express Co. John Henry

Pasadena July 4/57

Please inform us by
return mail when the new
cent piece is to be issued and
oblige

Respectfully Yours
Wm. H. Smith }
Chila } Wm. H. Allen

Sir

Tuesday N. S. Feb 22 1856

I enclose Tring Draft No 1179 for \$1000 for
which please forward by Adams Express Compy.
a Reg of Cents.

Very respectfully
Yours S^t W^t
Fam Cadey
Tuesdays N. S.

David Simpson Esq
Tuesdays N. S. Street
Philadelphia

331
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Melbourne Feb 3 1856

Sir

We sent by Adams & Co from this place
in Dec^r 1854 two packages of gold to be
delivered at W. L. Hunt Phila one package
of two hundred and thirty oz to the account
of Joseph Robson and one of two hundred oz
to the account of Geo W Cook.
You will please send us an account
of the gold if it has arrived or not
for Adams & Co have broken up their house
here and left and we can get nothing
through them.

Cook & Robson

Y^{rs}

Please send to the Address of
Geo W Cook Melbourne 3914 527
382 Australia

Joseph Robson 4456 37

379

Wright Room June 9th
1880

Dear Sir

On the 10th of April 1885 Mr.
Huntal (Messrs Adams & Co. agents) made deposit
for Messrs Look & Robson which are not paid

H. W. Look Recd. No. 882 \$ 3919.27

J. Robson " " 379 \$ 4456.81

Write this to all you will need.

Hon H A Underman

Yours H

Director of Fin

H A Underman

Wm Hunt

9th Dec 6.

Gentlemen:

Your favor of the 2nd inst. has been received. In reply, I have to state that on the 24th of April 1888 the following amount of funds were paid at the Ministry of the Interior by the Treasury:

For the Treasury	£ 10,909 27
of which	£ 400 00

The above remains unclaimed, and are now due to the Treasury, as per the letter.

Yours very respectfully,
John R. R. R. R.
Secretary to the Ministry

Wm. R. R. R.,
for the Treasury,
Ministry of the Interior,
Washington

MANUFACTURER
OF THE
CELEBRATED
IXL
Mill and Cross Cut Saws,
CANE KNIVES,
Trowels, Squares, Bevels, &c.
FRANK PA.

Duplicate

Philadelphia July 3rd 1856.

Branch Mining of United States of San Francisco
Bought of **WALTER CRESSON,**
No. 29 Commerce Street.

332 Black Lead Pencils Nos 39011	^{44 cts}	159 36.
88 a a a Nos 4400	^{44 cts}	176 00
	^{8 Wds 11.0}	8 00

Comd C B Hare Recd Payment
Walter Cresson
3113 36.

No. of Bank _____		
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Maturity of mortgage	State whether secured by improved farm or other property	Is property located legal

Sir,
 The specimens sent
 in your letter (without date)
 are minerals of an ordinary
 kind, and not worthy of your
 attention.
 Very res^t
 Yours
 Saml. R. P. Dr.

Sir I received yours the 20 am disappointed to hear the
Specimen I sent to be of no value And I will send you 4
More thinking they are of value But dont be of too much
to I have the means ^{of ascertaining} ~~to having~~ the parentage & understand
Minerology And Chemistry by study But little practice I send
are specimens one of minute of silver one of charcoal silver
one of silver and lead the largest specimen is silver and
lead if I dont mistake I find many mines the Indians have
found and find ores of different kinds I have many kinds
on hand and will send a Box of them all if these prove
of value sufficient value to pay the expence these mines I have
got to the top of them I ask you to assay one of these or
by them that I may know the true value and send me a
bill and I will send you the pay for doing it

D Snowdence

near N. Millbrook

Brulford County

Dennis, Louisiana

Neare of the post office west-mouth

Norman, Coates

No. 44.

Seventy three Fine Gold Bars
transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance
of the Act of March 1855, by John F. Cisco,
Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

¹⁸⁵⁶
February 1. 6 Boxes #55@60: containing

17 Bars # 106 to 122, weigh	4187.48 ounces @ 990‰
19 " # 123 to 141, " "	4562.61 " .991‰
18 " # 142 to 159, " "	4345.31 " .992‰
19 " # 160 to 178, " "	4549.04 " .993

73 Bars

17,643.44 ounces

Gross Value	\$360,766.44
Deduct for Coinage	1,818.83
Net value	<u>\$359,957.61</u>

\$43.07 per

February 1. 6

Sir,
The usual monthly count of the balances on
hand made yesterday exhibited in the Treasury of
the Mint in gold coins £ 80,130.00
Silver " 418,196.56
Ordinary Fund 15,400.01
Reserve " 9,707.44
Total £466,487.31

which amount was found on examination to correspond
with the balance as stated upon the Treasurer's books
of account.

The balance in the office of the Receiver
Genl. at the same time was found by count to be
£453,716.49 in gold and silver coins, agreeing with
the amount as stated in the account books of that
office.

I have the honor to be,
Sir, your obedient servant,
James A. B. Brown.

Directed to Sir.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secy of the Treasury,
Washington.